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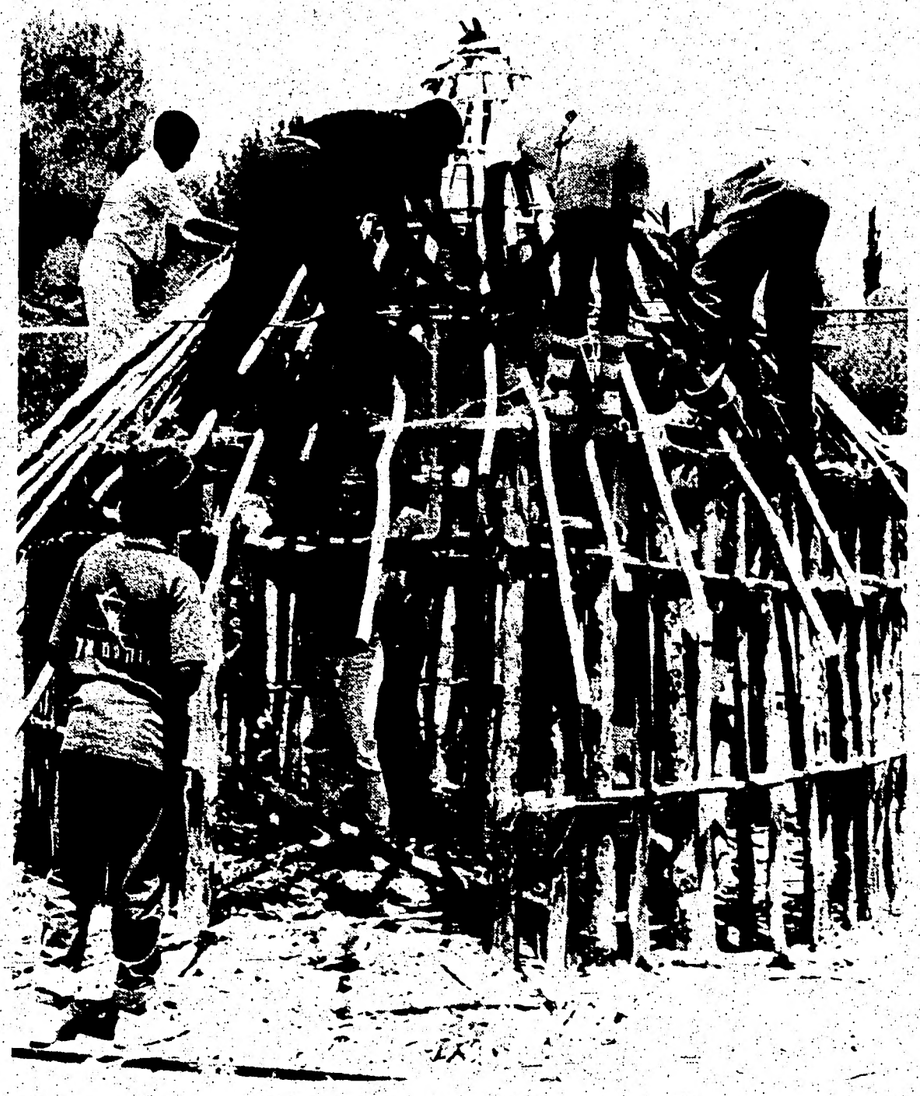

RAISING A 'TUKAL'

Ethiopian immigrant children make a traditional Ethiopian wooden frame house called a *tukal* at a summer camp in the Tzipori forest in the Galilee. The participants in the one week camp are from the Neve Amiel school just outside Haifa. The Jewish National Fund organizes summer camps all over Israel. [IPPA photo]

Shamir backs peace meeting

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has agreed to participate in a Middle East peace conference, subject "to a satisfactory solution of the issue of Palestinian-Arab representation in the Jordanian-Palestinian delegation."

An elated Baker

The matter was to go before the cabinet on Sunday where Shamir was to recommend approval for Israel to take part in the conference.

Shamir made the announcement after a 90-minute meeting with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker who flew here from Moscow on August 1 and appeared elated by Shamir's qualified "yes."

U.S. President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev had previously announced in Moscow that they would jointly convene a regional conference in October, to which all parties concerned would be invited. Bush dispatched Baker to Jerusalem to get Israel's assent.

"That is the 'yes' we were hoping for from the Israelis," said Baker, sporting a broad smile.

He went on to observe, "It is fitting that today, just hours before the anniversary of Iraq's brutal invasion of Kuwait, we are here talking peace."

Iraqi troops marched into Kuwait on August 2, 1990.

"Because aggression was defeated, that gives moderation a chance to come forward and to bloom," Baker said. He called the Israeli response "extraordinarily positive and significant."

In a rare gesture in Israeli politics, Labor Party chairman Shimon Peres congratulated Shamir for giving a positive response to Baker on the planned Middle East peace conference.

Peres' move bolstered Shamir's political strength and rendered less effective the threats from the Likud's far-right coalition partners to bolt the government if the conference takes place.

There was no sign, however, that Shamir might be contemplating reforming a unity government with Labor. On the contrary, the premier took time out to meet with Tehiya leader Yuval Ne'eman and other far-right figures, in an effort to persuade them that they have no reason to quit — or threaten to quit — the coalition.

A satisfied Shamir

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Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev (left) and U.S. President George Bush announced plans for an October conference, putting the pressure on the Mideast countries to at least sit down and talk. [IPPA photo]

BB calls for probe into bank's murky ties

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith Canada is calling on Solicitor General Doug Lewis to investigate reported links between Libya, the scandal-ridden Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) and Canadian neo-Nazi groups.

"There is little doubt that neo-Nazis in Canada have become increasingly better organized and better funded," said Mark Sandler, senior counsel for BB's League for Human Rights.

"Every effort must be made to investigate and determine the sources of support for organized hate activities in Canada."

Neo-Nazi links

Ian Kagedan, BB's director of government relations, said the letter to Lewis was prompted by a story in the *Globe and Mail* which noted that the BCCI's customers included people linked to neo-Nazi fringe groups and Libyan front organizations.

The story also reported that BCCI, which is based in Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands and which has operations in 69 countries, was "the preferred bank of terrorists, dictators, arms merchants and intelligence agencies of all stripes."

According to Warren Kinsella, a former journalist with the *Ottawa Citizen* and now a special assistant to Liberal leader Jean Chretien, Libya used BCCI as a conduit to Libyan students, terror groups and neo-Nazis.

Kinsella told The CJN that his research showed the Libyans looked to Canada for spare parts for its oilfield machinery and as a route for channelling funds to supporters after former U.S. President Ronald Reagan imposed a trade embargo on the North African country in 1986 after it was linked to terror attacks.

One of its conduits was a now-defunct travel agency, which the FBI claimed was a money-laundering conduit for Libyan funds coming into North America. The agency would receive money through BCCI for distribution in Canada, Kinsella said, adding that in one three-week period in 1987, the travel agency received $2.1 million from BCCI.

In 1987, the travel agency organized a trip to Libya for a "Peace Conference" attended by dozens of Canadians. Among the participants were members of both leftist and far-right organizations, some of whom reportedly came to blows during the trip.

During the conference, *Southam News* journalist Christoph Halens died in Libya after a fall from a building — a fall Libyans claimed was a suicide. The journalist's friends asserted he was killed because he had uncovered information about Libyan links to Canada.

Kinsella said that among the recipients of Libyan funds, funnelled through the travel agency, was a white-supremacist party and a prominent Islamic group.

Kinsella said that the FBI learned that a Canadian-based white supremacist group wrote to the travel agency asking for money.

Kinsella, who has written a manuscript entitled *Operation Friendly Skies* describing the links between Libyan and Iraqi intelligence and neo-Nazi groups, said a well-known neo-Nazi who once held a high position in the external affairs department was a business partner of the travel agency's owner.

Right-wing extremists

He said the former diplomat has ties to the Ku Klux Klan and has organized skinhead rallies in Canada.

Kagedan noted that Arab governments had long supported anti-Semitic groups in the West. He pointed to the distribution in Montreal last year of the anti-Semitic *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, which was published in Kuwait.

"The prospect of Libyan or Iraqi direct support for neo-Nazi activities in Canada through Canadian right-wing extremists is even more disturbing," he said. "A full investigation is in order into the possible promotion of hate-mongering in Canada by foreign interests and their domestic sympathizers."

Canada

Farhi owns Canadian courthouse

Sabra makes presence felt as St. Thomas developer

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

LONDON, Ont. — What is a seventh-generation Sabra from Petach Tikvah doing in St. Thomas, Ont., population 31,500, two hours' drive from Toronto, half an hour from London?

Plenty, according to Shmuel Farhi, the 30-year-old Israeli who swept into town three years ago and promptly began negotiating for one high-profile property after another.

He says he now holds "probably more buildings in the St. Thomas core area than anyone else." His most remarkable acquisition is the Elgin County Courthouse, an historic Romanesque structure on 2½ tree-shaded acres on Wellington Street.

Others include Anderson's department store on Talbot Street, bought for $1.1 million, a large commercial building on the other side of the main artery, offices across from City Hall, plus 22 acres of former Chesapeake and Ohio railway lands, a joint investment with Vito Frijia, president of London's Southside Construction.

Farhi, a veteran of three years in the Israeli army and a graduate in general management from Haifa's Technion University, came to St. Thomas by pure chance. Initiated into business by his father, he frequently traveled to the United States as representative for their import-export firm, Farhi and Son International Corp.

In 1985, on a plane to San Francisco, he happened to sit next to London real estate dynamo Mary Bray. They were attracted personally and professionally and four months later he found himself in Canada.

The two formed a London-based company, Farhi-Bray Investments Inc., and started to assemble properties along that city's Richmond Street.

One day when Farhi was in St. Thomas to look at a triplex, he spotted the stone courthouse and he wanted it. "The building is beautiful," he says, "and I love the site."

But the courthouse, leased by Elgin County council to the Ontario government, was not for sale.

Farhi, whose words tumble out in a mix of chutzpa and charm, was determined to have the seemingly unattainable. Facing strong local opposition, he and Bray joined forces with labor consultant Tom Crossman to lobby for its purchase.

After two years of legal hassles, their bid for $1,040,000 was accepted under an agreement that the exterior would remain basically unchanged. Farhi assumed sole ownership of his dream building when the partnership with Bray was dissolved in 1989 and he bought out Crossman.

Farhi-Bray had made numerous deals in the London-St. Thomas area before the partners went their separate ways.

An avid chess player, Farhi indulges in a kind of chess-Monopoly game in deploying his various interests. He has transformed the upper floors of Anderson's into 24 upscale rental apartments and moved the Big V drugstore from another of his properties to the main floor of the former department store.

As well, he and Frijia have plans for co-op housing and office buildings on the railway lands, but are still negotiating with the city for approval. Farhi chafes at the delay, but Mayor Janet Golding has made it clear that these things take time and there are no special favors. Farhi, she told The Canadian Jewish News, wants to do everything in a hurry.

Farhi says that he wants to revitalize the downtown, but Golding appears wary. Opinion in St. Thomas is divided between those who see the developer as a progressive and others who doubt him. However, Farhi maintains that there is a shift in his favor as more people recognize that he is not a "flash in the pan" out-of-towner.

He projects himself as a model citizen wanting to be part of the community. Farhi Holdings Corp., his current company, has offices with a view of the courthouse in a lovely century home adorned with handsome furnishings and fine sculpture.

There is a mezuzah in every doorway. He sponsors a soccer and junior baseball team and has offered free space in one of his buildings to a local social agency.

He and his companion, Canadian-born Kym Lawrence, live with their 18-month-old son Dean in a house just outside town. Kym recently converted to Judaism, Farhi says.

Farhi combines hard-headed drive with a touch of romanticism and he is capable of the grand gesture. When an acquaintance admired one of his sculptures, the piece was delivered to him the next day.

What about the future? Ideally, Farhi says, he would like to live six months in Israel and six in Canada.

London is booming, he claims, and he has just purchased Scott's of London, a downtown landmark built in 1876. But he sees St. Thomas as a region ripe for growth, not just a bedroom annex for the larger city.

However, aware of traditionalist resistance, he adds exasperatedly, "I can put filet mignon in front of you, but you may choose hamburger."

The courthouse still fascinates him. As a developer he saw its profit potential — he wanted to put a French restaurant on the grounds, but that was vetoed by the municipality after strong protest from a ratepayers' group.

Now, he says, he hopes the provincial government continues with its lease, observing, "It's been a courthouse for 137 years." He states he'll do everything he can to keep it that way and provide new facilities if required.

"After all," he grins, "how many Jewish boys own a courthouse in Canada?"

The Elgin County Courthouse is Shmuel Farhi's most remarkable acquisition.

School dedicated in rabbi's memory

KITCHENER — The Kitchener-Waterloo Day School was recently formally dedicated to the memory of the late Rabbi Phyvle Rosenzweig, who served as spiritual leader of the Kitchener Jewish community for 35 years before his death 1989.

The school, which opened in September, has an enrolment of 16 students in junior kindergarten, kindergarten, grades 1 and 2. In 1991-92 enrolment is expected to increase to about 30 students in grades junior kindergarten through Grade 5.

As well as operating a full curriculum of religious, cultural, Hebrew and Zionist studies, the school also offers an enriched secular, English and French education to the students.

The ceremony opened with a presentation by the students, followed by a history of the development of the school by board chairman Mark Grossman.

A plaque confirming the dedication was presented to the late rabbi's wife, Gittel Rosenzweig.

Rabbi Rosenzweig had promoted and developed the Jewish community and its love of yiddishkeit to the point where creation of a day school became possible, though this dream was not realized until after his death.

The ceremony included speeches by Mrs. Rosenzweig, the present rabbi, David J. Levy, and the president of Beth Jacob Synagogue on the topics of the school, its history, the importance of yiddishkeit and the importance and role of the school in the community.

An extensive display of the students' work followed at a reception.

Information about the school can be obtained from Mark Grossman at (519) 743-6829 or from the chairman of the recruitment committee, Lorelei Greenberg-Zeiler at (519) 578-1214.

See page 18 for photo of dedication participants.

Jews leaving small communities in effort to maintain traditions

By
PETER VAMOS

TORONTO — The fear of losing traditions and culture is driving Jews to more densely populated Jewish communities, leaving many small Ontario Jewish communities in a state of decline, says Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, executive director and director of education and culture at the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

"Families are looking to maintain traditions and homogenity so they are moving to the big cities," Lipsitz says.

Concern over weakened traditional values and intermarriage that result from the assimilation of Jews into the larger communities, are factors contributing to this sometimes alarming decline, he says.

"But this problem is something that you must accept in an open society. You have to accept the good with the bad," Lipsitz says. "The Jews are very much integrated in these communities."

But rather than accept the loss of the culture, parents have begun to encourage their children to move off to areas with larger Jewish populations, where they can live and maintain a more traditional Jewish life. Of course this merely perpetuates the problem back home.

Joe Burke, past president of Sons of Jacob Congregation in Belleville, has two daughters; they both live in Toronto.

Burke says he knows many, what he calls "underground Jews," who, due to marriage or lack of traditional Jewish mores, do not consider themselves a part of the Jewish community in Belleville.

"When you were brought up in the 1930s and '40s, you counted yourself a Jew. Today it's not important to them," he says.

This, of course, causes a major problem in running the synagogue. Without active participation in the community there is no financial support. They have not had a rabbi for at least 10 years and there are no resources for a Hebrew school teacher.

"We try to maintain a synagogue just for any Jews who might come; but they are not coming," Burke says.

Yet all is not bad. There is a definite pattern emerging as Jews emigrate toward the cultural centres. Although many outlying Jewish communities are declining, communities less than an hour and a half drive from Toronto are finding an increase in their Jewish populations, says Susan Jackson, director of community relations at the CJC.

While the populations of North Bay and Stratford have fallen to half of what they were 10 years ago, the population of Guelph has doubled, from 50 to over 100 families, in the last 10 years, Jackson says.

But Jackson, who spends much of her time in these communities, does not see the declines as a permanent irreversible trend. Although she recognizes the factors that have caused these, she says that even today things are beginning to turn around.

"You have a new resurgence," she says. "Parents, whose children moved away, are now grandparents and the children are coming back home with their families."

Peoples' values are changing and financial considerations are playing a major role in deciding where to live. The cost of living is much lower outside Toronto and many Jews are moving away in search of an alternative lifestyle, she says.

Michael Sobel, president of Congregation Beth Isaiah in Guelph, says that there are many young families coming to Guelph from Toronto in search of less expensive lifestyles and find a very close knit and integrated Jewish community.

"It's a good way to live as a Jew. You are always exposed to each other and the whole community knows you're a Jew," he says.

Sobel is apprehensive about the shrinking communities further away, but is ready to welcome any Jews who may decide to settle in Guelph.

He strongly believes that there must be a Jewish presence maintained outside of Toronto for the good of those who are searching for an alternative to city life.

"We keep the Jewish spark alive across the province," Sobel says, "so that it is not only the Toronto voice that is heard, but those of the smaller communities as well."

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Ben-Haim takes over as new JNF shaliach

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

If a script called for *the* Jewish hero of the day, it would be the man who has just arrived in Toronto as the new shaliach for the Jewish National Fund.

Though he wears his honors lightly, Col. Israel Ben-Haim, 43, is the pilot who spotted terrorists on the beach near Ashkelon averting the loss of possibly hundreds of lives. He was given the highest award of the Israeli Defence Force as a result.

He commanded a base near Tel Aviv during the Gulf War and one of the 20 Scud missiles which landed in the area plummeted to earth only 700 metres from where he was standing.

He commanded a Hercules C130 which ferried Ethiopians to Israel during Operation Solomon.

Fresh from these exploits, Ben-Haim has settled in Toronto with his wife, Galia, 39, and two sons, Nadav, 17, "a nature lover," and Ehud, 11, full of enthusiasm for his new job which he considers even more important than what he has done in the past.

Israel Ben-Haim

The Ashkelon terrorist incident during Shavouth is still vivid in his mind. "We didn't even let them lift their heads an inch off the sand," he said. "Five of them surrendered to me."

The tall handsome pilot's strongest memory of the Gulf War is watching the orange "stars" falling towards earth and wondering where they would land. His proudest memory is that even though airmen under his command flew thousands of hours of sorties during the Gulf War and soldiers and other personnel on his base were in the centre of the area most heavily attacked by Saddam Hussein, not one person under his command was lost.

Ben-Haim is a farmer who grows hay and raises horses on Moshav Adonim near Hod Ha Sharon. At the time of the first Scud attack his family was in their sealed room in the house on the Moshav. Evidently, in the case of that first attack, there was a delay in the radio announcing an all-clear, and Ben-Haim, who had already seen the harmless pit caused by the missile, wanted to let his wife know. But the phone was in another part of the house and he finally had to phone a neighbor to rap on the window of the sealed room to give his family the good news.

Incidentally, except for the night of that first attack, there was not one night during the whole Gulf War that Ben-Haim slept without his shoes on.

The decorated air force colonel, who is on leave from the IDF to take the JNF post, is very optimistic about the prospects of a peace conference. "Shamir is no less a patriot than me," he said, simply.

Set for Ottawa

Youth and racist crime focus of Congress meet

OTTAWA —

Canadian Jewish Congress will hold a conference on youth and racist crime, Oct. 6 and 7 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa.

CJC national community relations committee chairman Joseph J. Wilder, who heads the conference organizing committee, points out that the conference will involve 100 participants who will receive personal invitations to attend. "Youth and racist crime is a very serious issue," he explains. "This is why we wanted to limit our immediate audience to those very people most closely involved in the issue from different parts of Canada."

The program calls for an opening reception Oct. 6, followed by a full day of activities on Oct. 7. Fil Fraser, chief commissioner of the Alberta Human Rights Commission, will be the keynote speaker in the morning. The Alberta Human Rights Commission is instituting a human rights tribunal looking into neo-Nazis and the Aryan Nations within Alberta. That will be followed by rotating workshops, one on the psycho-social aspects of youth and racist crime and another on racist youth and the law.

Gerry Weiner

Skinheads murdered student

Prominent American author Elinor Langer of Portland, Ore. will address the luncheon. She is particularly well versed on neo-Nazis and new Nazi organizations in North America. At the present time she is writing a book about Tom Metzger, leader of the White Aryan Resistance movement in the United States. Metzger and his son John have been successfully sued for $12.5 million by the estate of an Ethiopian student who was murdered by three neo-Nazis skinheads in Portland. The lawyers for the student's family claim that the skinheads were inspired to commit this atrocity as a result of Metzger sending neo-Nazi agents to Portland to recruit and encourage local racist skinhead activities.

In the afternoon there will be workshops dealing with racist youth and parents and the media. Federal Minister of Multiculturalism and Citzenship Gerry Weiner will speak at the closing session.

Wilder anticipates that the conference will be watched carefully by people interested in this field from across the continent. He said that plans call for a video-educational package to be developed from the event which is being made possible through a generous grant from the federal Department of Multiculturalism.

Leadership board started

Hebrew U. Friends forms new group

TORONTO —

The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU), which already leads Friends around the world in its recruitment and organization of young leaders, has recently formed a national new leadership board, co-chaired by Mark Diamond of Toronto and Larry Rosenberg of Winnipeg.

This is the first national young Friends board anywhere, among supporters of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The CFHU has new leadership divisions in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, involving a total of about 2,500 Jews, age 25 to 45.

In a recent interview, Diamond, 32, past chairman of Toronto new leadership, said establishing the national board means all the groups can now learn from each other about programming, fund raising and education, without each of them "reinventing the wheel."

Information will be shared monthly through the CFHU executive directors in each region, quarterly by conference call and during one annual meeting.

Diamond, managing director of Womark Development Corporation, credited Howard Morry, current co-chair of Winnipeg new leadership, with the idea for the young national board.

Some of its immediate goals, he said, are arranging a mission to Israel, organizing a one-day national retreat and subsidizing some young people for the 1992 International Friends of the Hebrew University conference in London.

Rosenberg, 35, head of the Winnipeg tax department of Arthur Andersen and Co., said another goal is "to assist the various local groups in carrying out their local objectives."

The Vancouver group, for example, is barely a year old — but, like its more established counterpart in Winnipeg, is a way for young Jews to get together socially.

In Toronto, there are many social opportunities, so the Toronto chapter wants to emphasize education. In Montreal, there already is an orientation towards study groups or lectures.

The national board also hopes to be a way for local new leadership groups to pass on names of members who move to another city, so that people there will make them feel welcome.

Larry Rosenberg (left) and Mark Diamond.

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Cohen promotes talks on CJC committee

TORONTO —

A Candian journalist has brought back an illustrious name to Canadian Jewish Congress with the involvement in the Ontario region's joint community relations committee (JCRC).

Andrew Cohen, 36, who earlier this year garnered three gold medals at the 14th annual National Magazine Awards, and author of the acclaimed *A Deal Undone: The Making and Breaking of the Meech Lake Accord*, has been a JCRC member since 1989. His great uncle, Lyon Cohen, was founding president of the congress in 1919.

Andrew Cohen's journalistic roots also go back to his great uncle, who in 1897 co-founded in Montreal *The Jewish Times*, the first Canadian Anglo-Jewish newspaper. His father, Edgar Cohen, a Montreal businessman and consultant, is author of *Madamoiselle Libertine*, a portrait of a celebrated 17th century French woman, Ninon de Lanclos. And his second cousin, Leonard Cohen, is the celebrated poet and song writer.

Senior editor and foreign affairs columnist for the daily business newspaper, *The Financial Post*, Cohen won his three awards in the magazine competition for his article, That Bastard Trudeau, published in *Saturday Night*.

The journalist expresses admiration for the work of the CJC's community relations committee — "a progressive, activist group which seeks solutions to problems, and promotes dialogue between Jews and other groups."

Son of Ruth and Edgar Cohen of Montreal, he attended McGill University where he received an Honors BA in political science. He became active in journalism in the mid-1970s as a feature writer with *McGill Free Press*, and a sports reporter for the *McGill Daily*.

Cohen then entered Carleton University in Ottawa where he received graduate degrees in journalism and international affairs.

In 1984, he joined the *Financial Post* following a stint with the *Ottawa Citizen* and four years as a parliamentary correspondent in Ottawa for United Press International, a news service. From 1987 to 1990, Cohen was the Post's foreign editor. He has travelled in Asia, Europe, the United States and the Middle East. Since 1990, he has been a senior editor and foreign affairs columnist.

Andrew Cohen

Covered parliamentary debates

Regarding his book, *A Deal Undone*, published last November by Douglas & McIntyre, Cohen recalls that his interest in the constitutional issue began with his coverage of parliamentary debates in 1980.

Regarding the continuing constitutional debate, Cohen says that he has "a strange, inexplicable sense of optimism that perhaps we'll muddle through with goodwill and inspiration."

As a longtime political observer, he admits that "it is hard to follow politics and not become skeptical. Very few politicians have the best interests of the people at heart. They push their own best interests."

Cohen does believe that there are some politicians who show some consistency in their ideology, such as Pierre Trudeau. "I still think that politics is a noble calling and those interested in public affairs should consider getting involved."

Asked whether he would consider such a choice, Cohen responded: "Perhaps — in later life."

PRODUCTIVE MEET

B'nai Brith leaders concluding private consultations with officials of the Department of External Affairs and International Trade termed the half-day long session on July 25, "positive and productive." The consultations are an annual event organized by B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs and Government Relations Department in conjunction with the Human Rights and Social Affairs Division of EAITC. A major focus of the discussions was Canada's role in the UN and in various UN agencies, particularlty the UN Commission on Human Rights, and emerging processes in the international human rights field. Geographic areas receiving special attention were the U.S.S.R., eastern Europe and the Middle East. Standing (from left) are Gregoire de Blois, Terry Storms, John Holmes, Ian Ferguson, Phil Rimer, Shoel Silver, Brian Morris and Paul Bregman. Seated (from left) are Barbara Gibson, Marilyn Wainberg, Donna Balkan and Ian J. Kagedan.

Luitjens decision expected soon

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A decision in the citizenship case of former Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens should be delivered within about five weeks, says a federal court judge.

The announcement was made by Judge Frank Collier of Vancouver in a telephone conference call involving defence and Crown lawyers.

The Crown alleges that Luitjens, a former member of the Dutch Nazi Party, lied about his wartime activities and should be stripped of his Canadian citizenship. A trial in the case concluded more than two years ago, but no decision has yet been rendered. Evidence indicated that Luitjens had shot a German deserter and was a member of the collaborationist Dutch Landwacht, a pro-Nazi group that took part in the roundup of Jews.

B'nai Brith Canada spokesman Ian Kagedan called the two-year delay "terribly frustrating," and said it appeared to be slowing up other cases where the denaturalization remedy might be employed.

He also noted that it was ironic that in the time since the case was heard, Canada and Holland have signed an extradition treaty that would allow that legal remedy to be employed against Luitjens, a former botany lecturer at the University of British Columbia.

Charlotte Bell, senior legal counsel for the Justice Department's war crimes unit, said the conference call was prompted by a letter from Deputy Minister of Justice John Tait to Associate Chief Justice James Jerome of the Federal Court, asking when a decision was expected.

Jerome in turn asked Collier to hold the conference call.

Bell told The CJN that the deputy minister was reacting to news reports that had marked the two-year anniversary of the conclusion of the case.

Pearlson to lead trip to Israel

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Anticipation of a rewarding trip is running high among members of Temple Sinai who are visiting Israel Oct. 7-21.

"I'm delighted with the spirit of rebuilding that animates everyone on this trip," said Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, who is leading a group to Israel for the first time, though he has been there himself dozens of times.

"We will be with the Russians and the Ethiopians and with our own pioneers (of the Reform movement) and with those who pioneered with us and before us," he said.

Nearly 30 people have already signed up for the two-week trip and with interest still growing it is possible a second bus will be required, said Jackie Kelman, one of the organizers.

The renewed interest in Israeli travel is partly the result of the Gulf war and its aftermath, Kelman believes.

Among stops on the tour will be the Reform settlements at Kibbutz Yahal and Kibbuts Lotan in the Negev which Rabbi Pearlson described as "moonscapes which they shaped into beautfully productive land."

Visit school

Temple Sinai members will visit the Leo Baeck School in Haifa which Rabbi Pearlson said has become a landmark fighter for democracy and for human rights for all Israelis. It has become a meeting place for all those who want to shape Israel into a land of harmony, he said.

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Vendor found selling Ross' books

TORONTO —

The city of Fredericton's legal department is investigating a complaint that a temporary vending licence was issued to a supporter of Malcolm Ross who is selling the controversial teacher's books at a kiosk on a downtown street.

Rev. Jim Leland, who has spoken out against the teacher's anti-Jewish views, said he obtained copies of three Ross books for $15 at a vending booth set up outside a busy Fredericton mall.

The receipt issued to him contained the Moncton address of Stronghold Publishing, which distributes Ross' books.

Leland told The CJN that when he approached the vendor, she immediately began talking about Ross, suggesting he read them to "find out the truth."

When he brought his concerns to city hall, Leland said he was told that the woman had been issued a temporary vending licence running from May to September, allowing her to sell children's books and other works of general interest.

In addition to a few children's books and the Ross works, the booth contained pamphlets by well-known supporters of Ross, Leland said.

City clerk Donna Lavigne told The CJN that Leland's complaint had been passed to the city's legal department, but that it was too early for any decision to be taken on it.

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Real threat in a few years

Israeli military leader sees renewed attacks by Iraq

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM — "I have no doubt that Iraq will recover its military capacity and will try to launch missiles against Israel again," said Army Spokesman Nachman Shai to an Israel Bonds delegation recently.

"Iraq has more weapons today — after the Gulf War — than Israel had before the war," said Brigadier General Shai, the man whose voice was heard over Israeli airwaves throughout the Gulf War, announcing air raid alerts and all-clear signs.

However, Shai, who was dubbed the "valium of the nation" because of his calm demeanour during Scud missile attacks, delivered a less than soothing message at a military briefing. He told 200 members of the Israel Bonds New Leadership delegation that Iraq had emerged from the war with half its airforce, half its armored corps, and 60 to 70 per cent of its artillery intact, as well as an unknown number of surface-to-surface missiles.

"The war did not end before the defeat of Iraq was completed and the risk to its neighbors removed," said Shai. "Even though the number of casualties caused by the missile attacks was minimal, the Iraqis are operating under the assumption that missile warfare against Israel is helpful," he added, "and they will surely try again."

Shai did not foresee an Iraqi attack in the near future, but said that this could be a real threat in a few years time. Moreover, he added that many other Arab countries, enticed by the potential of missile warfare, were now stocking up on any missiles available on the market.

He said that Iraq had been very successful in almost achieving a nuclear capacity and that other Middle East states including Iran, Pakistan, Libya, Algeria and Syria were also striving to achieve this goal. "One or more of these countries could have a nuclear capacity in five to 10 years' time," he warned.

Faced with this threat, the IDF's strategy is to put most of its resources into maintaining Israel's qualitative edge in weaponry, said Shai, citing the Arrow anti-ballistic missile as an example. The joint Israeli-American weapon, that should be completed in three to five years time, will be the first anti-ballistic missile that can intercept another missile on the way to its target, said Shai. "This will prepare us for war in the future."

Because of the increasing range of sophisticated weapons being acquired by Arab countries, it is imperative that the IDF invest its limited resources in developing its own state-of-the-art weapons systems, said Shai, explaining the rationale behind recent changes in IDF policy.

The priority alloted to this goal has resulted in a radical series of cutbacks in other areas of the army since Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak became Chief of Staff. These include layoffs of army personnel, shortening the length of reserve duty, dismantling educational programs and eliminating the funding for the Army Radio station.

Calling Syria Israel's most dangerous enemy, Shai fully advocated holding negotiations with Damascus precisely because it constitutes such a threat to Israel. He noted that Syria had, for the last 17 years, respected a disengagement accord with Israel.

But he doubted that Israel would negotiate the future of the Golan Heights which he said is of vital strategic importance to the country. "But this can be discussed without preconditions," he added. "Once you are sitting around the negotiating table and are ready for peace, you never know what might happen," he said.

Brig.-Gen. Nachman Shai fears more Iraqi attacks.

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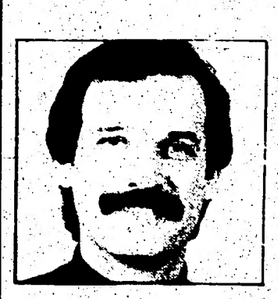

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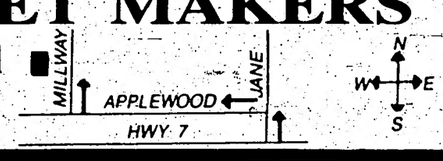

Delegation's composition unsure

PLO, Jordan suspend talks

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat has suspended talks with Jordan on the composition of a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation to negotiate with Israel, according to reports from Tunis.

As a result, the Palestinian political community in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip has been unable to decide on a position with respect to their participation in the regional peace conference the United States is trying to arrange.

Arafat, who heads Al Fatah, the PLO's largest and strongest faction, is bitter over what he considers to be U.S. surrender to Israel's demands, the reports from Tunis said. He wants the PLO to choose who will represent the Palestinians in any peace negotiations.

Israel insists on the right to decide who will not represent them. The Israelis want to exclude residents of East Jerusalem, any Palestinians living outside the West Bank or Gaza Strip and anyone connected with the PLO.

According to Arafat, the Americans have yielded to Israel's position.

He described Dennis Ross, head of the State Department's policy planning staff and a close adviser to Secretary of State James Baker, as "more Likudnik than Likud."

Arafat quoted Philip Wilcox, the U.S. consul in East Jerusalem, as telling Palestinian activist Faisal Husseini recently, "you are defeated. You have lost your strategic depth in Iraq, and therefore your demands should be modest."

Arafat charged in a Radio Monte Carlo interview that the U.S. plan "ignores the Palestinian people's rights and completely leaves out the question of East Jerusalem."

According to observers here, there will be no authentic Palestinian delegation from the territories without the PLO's blessings.

Yasser Arafat

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President defends kibbutz movement

Herzog ignores Orthodox rabbi's charge

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israeli President Chaim Herzog declined to react last week to an Orthodox rabbi who accused him of besmirching Jewish values.

"The president does not respond to personal attacks," was the terse statement issued by the President's Office in Jerusalem after Rabbi Eliezer Schach of Bnei Brak denounced Israel's chief of state for defending "pig-eating" kibbutzniks.

The nonagenarian Schach, who hails from Lithuania, is spiritual mentor of the Degel HaTorah (Torah Flag) party and an influential authority in the larger, predominantly Sephardic Shas party. Both belong to the haredi bloc, the strictly Orthodox parties that provide Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud-led government with its comfortable margin in the Knesset.

Schach's quarrel with the president arose after Herzog spoke in defence of the kibbutz movement, pointing out its pioneering role in founding the Jewish state.

He felt called upon to do so earlier this year after the Bnei Brak rabbi publicly accused "pig-eating and pig-breeding" kibbutzniks of leading pious Oriental Jews away from traditional Judaism.

Herzog spoke out again last month after Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz, also an Orthodox rabbi, objected to housing Ethiopian olim at kibbutzim because they would be taught to abandon traditional values.

How was it possible for the president, "the son of a great rabbi, to praise the people of the kibbutzim who exalt the pig, and even pay them compliments?" Schach asked rhetorically.

The Irish born Herzog is the son of the late Rabbi Yitzhak Herzog, Israel's first Ashkenazic chief rabbi and former chief rabbi of Britain and Ireland.

According to Schach, Herzog "shamed his father, who was a great man, and the entire House of Israel" by defending the kibbutzim. "He will receive his punishment," Schach predicted.

The rabbi spoke at the traditional pre-summer-vacation assembly at the Ponevezh Yeshiva in Bnei Brak, which he heads.

He also upbraided the Israeli press, especially the afternoon tabloids, for replacing the inspiration of the Torah with "fornication, rot, obscenity and the desecration of Judaism."

Schach delivered his polemic in Yiddish to an audience mainly of Sephardic Jews who do not understand that language.

Chaim Herzog

Israel's first ambassador to Syria pessimistic about peace prospects

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

The man who is designated to be Israel's first ambassador to Syria, Prof. Moshe Maoz, is not yet packing his bags for Damascus.

The Hebrew University expert in Middle East studies was informally promised the post by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir a couple of years ago. But Maoz, author of a biography on the Syrian president entitled Assad: the Sphynx of Damascus, remains pessimistic about the prospects for peace.

"Assad's objectives have not changed," says Maoz. "He would still like Israel to disappear — this is his ideology. The only thing that has changed is his realization that he cannot obtain this goal via military means. Being an arch realist, he has turned to political-diplomatic means. It is a change in tactics, not a change in principle."

Moreover, he adds, Assad is retaining his military option. "By continuing to strive to reach strategic parity with Israel, Assad could have a number of objectives: to deter Israel, to attack Israel, or to negotiate from a position of strength.

"Right now, augmenting his military power also serves as a warning to the world that in case the political process gets stuck, he still has a military alternative."

Maoz suggests that Assad hopes to garner international and even American support for a future attack against Israel in the event that Israel refuses to give up the Golan Heights. "He would like to win back the Golan Heights at the negotiating table, but failing that, he hopes to win international legitimacy for a military action against Israel."

Assad probably believes that Syria's chances of winning Washington's sympathy are bolstered by the fact that the United States does not recognize Israel's annexation of the Golan, and probably interprets UN Resolution 242 as requiring the return of at least part of the Golan Heights, adds Maoz.

Noting the national consensus in Israel concerning the Golan Heights, Maoz maintains that it is highly unlikely that an Israeli government would agree to hand over the area to Syria. He added that Damascus is equally unlikely to compromise over the Golan.

"The return of Sinai marked a precedent. Assad is not going to settle for less than what Egypt got. On the contrary, Assad wants more — not only full sovereignty over the Golan, but a resolution of the Palestinian problem, which would raise his esteem in the Arab world.

Maoz says he can envision only one possible compromise. "Israel might consider returning the Golan Heights to Syria under the condition that the whole region remains demilitarized, and the areas directly overlooking Israel are leased to Syria for a five- of 10-year trial period."

But Maoz is not holding his breath. "The most likely scenario is that neither side will change its position and the talks will just break down."

Jordan charges theft of water

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Israel is diverting water from Jordan and thereby depriving its population of an adequate water supply, Jordan's ambassador to the United States charged last week.

In a public address on Capitol Hill, Ambassador Hussein Hammami criticized Israel for using Jordan River water to replenish Lake Tiberias.

The lake, also known as the Kinneret and the Sea of Galilee, serves as the source for Israel's National Water Carrier, an aqueduct that runs to Tel Aviv.

Israel has opted to "refill Lake Tiberias and its own water needs with water taken from the Jordan River, which is Jordan's major source of water," Hammami charged.

"The result of this is that Jordan is now incapable of meeting its immediate water needs from the Yarmuk," a river that flows into the Jordan, he said.

An Israeli Embassy official here maintained that Israel is entitled to that water under an agreement it signed with Jordan, through the United States, in the 1950s.

"All of the Jordan River is to be used by us," he said.

Hammami spoke to Churches for Middle East Peace, which represents 14 mainline church groups.

The envoy called water one of the three biggest issues facing the Middle East, along with the Arab-Israeli conflict and absence of democratic governments.

"There could be a major conflict in the region in the next decade, even earlier, if the problem of water is not properly addressed and resolved," he said.

Hammami complained that Israel is blocking the World Bank from financing a dam on the Yarmuk that Jordan wants to build jointly with Syria.

"By international law, Israel has a right to a certain ratio of that water," the envoy said. But "in the absence of that dam, Israel gets much more than its fair share of the water."

The Israeli Embassy official countered that "the Jordanians don't have the physical possibility to fully utilize the water of the Yarmuk."

Jerusalem is opposed to "anything that may affect Israel's water supply," unless it is part of "a full-fledged agreement" on the water situation, the official said.

Unless Jordan and Israel are "willing to sit together with the Syrians in an organized fashion and to sign agreements on the use of water, it's difficult for us to give our hand to a project that we may find ourselves at their mercy," he said.

Hammami said that Israel has "compounded the problem" for Jordan by diverting groundwater from the West Bank to Israel proper.

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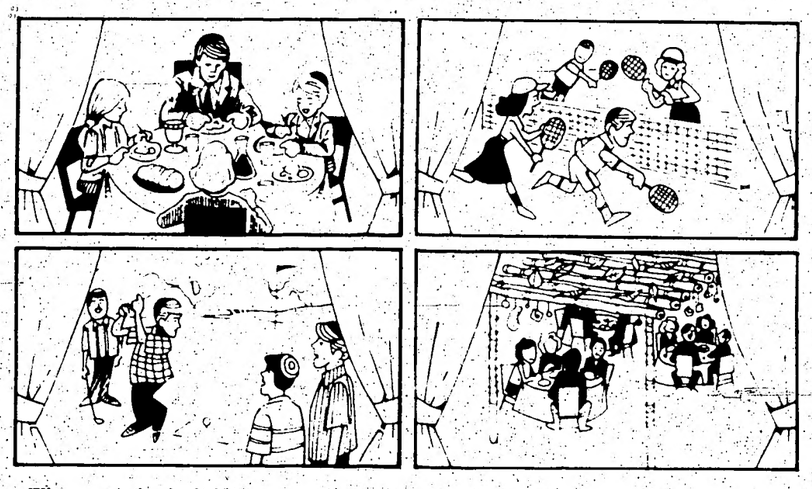

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נאָך מיט פיר יאָר פריער איז געפאַלן דער ערשטער קרבן פון דעם טייוולאָנישן פלאַן. שלמה מיכאָעלס, דער געניאַלער קינסטלער און פאָרזיצער פון יידישן אַנטי־פאַשיסטישן קאָמיטעט, וועלכער איז באַטראַכט געווארן פון יידן אין רוסלאַנד אַלס זייער טרייער וואָרט־זאָגער, איז אויפן באַפעל פון סטאַלינען דערמאָרדעט געווארן אין מינסק. מיט עטלעכע חדשים שפעטער האָט זיך די מערדערישע קולטור־שאָפונג אין סאָוועטן־פאַרבאַנד. עס איז אויפגעלייזט געוואָרן דער אַנטי־פאַשיסטישער קאָמיטעט. „איניקייט", די יידישע צייטונג אין מאָסקווע, און דער פאַרלאַג „אמת" זיינען געוואָרן פאַרמאַכט און עס האָבן זיך אָנגעהויבן די מאַסן אַרעסטן פון די שרייבערס און קולטור־טוערס.

נאָענט צו פיר יאָר זיינען די אַרעסטירטע געהאַלטן געוואָרן אין טורמע, וואו זיי זיינען ברוטאַל געפיניקט געוואָרן. אין 1952 זיינען 25 פון די אַרעסטירטע געשטעלט געוואָרן פאַר אַ געהיימען פּראָצעס. אונטער דער קלאָגע, אַז זיי האָבן אַרגאַניזירט אַ קאָנספיראַציע צו באַזעצן יידן אין קרים און פאַרוואַנדלען דעם געגנט אין אַ מלחמה באַזע פאַרן אַמעריקאַנער אימפעריאַליזם. אויף אָט־דער וואַנזיניקער קלאָגע זיינען אַלע געפונען געוואָרן שולדיק און 24 פון די 25 זיינען פאַר־משפט געוואָרן צום טויט. די אינציקע, וואָס איז אָפּגעקומען מיט אַ שטראָף פון 10 יאָר תפיסה איז געווען די באַרימטע ווייסנשאַפטלערין, אַקאַדעמיקער לינאַ שטערן. זי איז באַפרייט געוואָרן אין 1956 און איז מיט אַ פּאָר יאָר שפּעטער געשטאָרבן. אַ דאַנק איר זיינען באַקאַנט געוואָרן דעטאַלן פון פּראָצעס און פון דער ברוטאַלער האַנדלונג, פּנים אל פּנים מיטן טויט, פון פּרץ מאַרקיש, לאַזאָווסקי און אַנדערע, וואָס האָבן מיט פאַראַכטונג צוריקגעשליידערט די באַשולדיקונגען־די ריכטער אין פּנים אַריין.

זינט דאַן זיינען אַדורך 39 יאָר. אָבער דער פונק פון יידיש און יידישער שאַפונג איז נישט אויסגעלאָשן געוואָרן. אונטער די געענדערטע באַדינגונגען פון „גלאַסנאָסט" און „פערעסטראָיקאַ" זיינען די סטאַליניסטישע פאַרברעכנס אויפגעדעקט געוואָרן דורך דער סאָוועטישער קאָמוניסטישער פאַרטיי גופא. נאָך צענדליקער יאָרן פון פאַרפאַלגונג און אונטערדריקונג, זיינען אַרגאַניזירט געוואָרן צענדליקער יידישע קלובן און יידישע קולטורעלע קרייזן אין אַ גאַנצער ריי שטעט פון סאָוועטן־פאַרבאַנד. ווערק פון יידישע שרייבערס, וואָס זיינען געווען באַהאַלטן אין שופלעדער האָבן דערזען די ליכטיקע שיין. און גאָר דערמוטיקנדיק איז דער פאַקט, וואָס אַ גרעסערע גרופּע יונגע יידישע שרייבערס און דיכטערס, מערסטע פון זיי געבוירענע אין סאָוועטן־פאַרבאַנד, זיינען דערשינען מיט זייערע ווערק.

דער קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש ביי דער יידישער פעדעראַציע פון גרויס טאָראָנטאָ, צוזאַמען מיטן קאָמיטעט פאַר סאָוועטישע יידן ביים קאָנאַדער יידישן קאָנגרעס וועלן דורכפירן דעם יאָרלעכן געדענק־אָוונט נאָך די דערמאָרדעטע דיכטערס און קולטור־טוערס, קומענדיקן מאָנטיק, דעם 12־טן אויגוסט, 8 אָוונט, אין בית צדק שוהל.

פּיליפּ גיוועגנס, נאַציאָנאַלער פאָרזיצער פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש, וואָס איז נישט לאַנג צוריק געווען אין מאָסקווע אַלס דעלעגאַט צום אַלוועלטלעכן צוזאַמענפאָר פאַר יידיש, וועט זיין דער הויפּט־רעדנער. יענקל קעין, פאָרזיצער פון טאָראָנטער יידיש קאָמיטעט, וועט רעדן וועגן די שאַפונגען פון סאָוועטיש־יידישע שרייבערס. אַלס גאַסט־אַרטיסטין וועט אויפטרעטן די באַרימטע קינסטלערין פון „הבימה" טעאַטער אין ישראל, עטל קאָוועַנסקאַ, באַגלייט פון קאָמפּאָזיטאָר לעוו קאַגאַן. איינטריט איז פריי. מיר רופן אַלעמען צו קומען צו אָט־דעם וויכטיקן געדענק־אָוונט.

דער שאַנד־פלעק פון די פאַרברעכנס, וואָס זיינען באַגאַנגען געוואָרן קעגן יידיש און יידישער קולטור, וועט קיינמאָל נישט אָפּגעווישט ווערן. די יאָרצייט פון 12־טן אויגוסט מוז און וועט אָפּגעהיט ווערן פון דור צו דור.

Shamir supports Mideast peace meet

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At the other end of Israel's political spectrum, the Hadash Communist Party also welcomed the conference, but insisted the Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole legitimate spokesman of the Palestinians and that it should determine the makeup of the Palestinian delegation.

The small factions to the left of Labor reacted warmly to the latest developments, calling the announced peace conference "excellent news for peace-loving Israelis, who are by far the majority of the country, and very bad news for the right wing."

The three small parties to the right of Likud, which round out Shamir's governing coalition, have threatened to quit if Israel participates in the peace conference.

But their defection poses no threat to the government as long it has Labor's support.

Labor's position was more fully articulated by the party's No. 2 leader, Yitzhak Rabin, a former prime minister and until last year, minister of defence.

Rabin said the opportunity offered by the Bush-Gorbachev announcement was "not the best opportunity, but a very good opportunity that must not be missed."

He explained that he still thought the "best opportunity" had come and gone in the spring of 1990, when Likud rejected the idea of a conference with the Palestinians, hosted by Egypt in Cairo.

The Likud-Labor national unity government collapsed over that issue.

Now, Rabin said, Israel will face simultaneous talks with the Syrians, the Palestinians and other local parties which, obviously, will be less convenient.

Nevertheless, the bottom line of all concerned is to achieve a comprehensive peace, Rabin said.

He advised the government to deal with one front at a time — the Syrians or the Palestinians — and turn to the other only after a breakthrough has been achieved in the first.

The Centre-Shinui Movement, Citizens Rights Movement and Mapam issued a joint statement accepting Shamir's positive, albeit qualified, answer to Baker.

The leftist parties warned, however, against stubbornness on unimportant details, which could derail the peace process.

According to Mapam leader Yair Tsaban, many Likud Knesset members "know in their hearts that peace will only be achieved by compromises with the Palestinians and the Syrians."

Shamir's meeting with Baker was attended by Foreign Minister David Levy and Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Their agreement included two significant concessions by Israel. A non-participating UN observer will attend the peace conference and the conference could be reconvened after its ceremonial opening, if Israel approves.

Israel had long objected to any UN presence, even a passive one. It had also insisted that the conference disband permanently as soon as direct bilateral talks began.

Palestinian representation remains the knottiest issue to be resolved. Israel absolutely refuses to meet with Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem or with anyone connected with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Jerusalem is at odds with the United States over a proposed memorandum of understanding between them that would permit an East Jerusalem resident in the Palestinian delegation when the second round of negotiations on autonomy begins in three years.

East Jerusalem residents are excluded from the first round of talks by agreement between the United States and Israel. But no memorandum was signed. The issue of the second round was left purposely unresolved.

Baker was scheduled to meet with a delegation of Palestinians before he left Israel.

POLICE RECRUITS IBM

IBM has given a new computer system to the Israel Police which was developed at the IBM Scientific Centre in the Technion at Haifa. The system, which is thought to be the first of its kind in the world, enables quick identification from files of over 80,000 criminals. [IPPA photo]

Editor seeks return of ancient stone

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The editor of a biblical archeology magazine has launched an unofficial campaign urging Turkey to return an ancient stone inscription to Israel, where it was hewn in an underground tunnel over 2,000 years ago.

Hershel Shanks, editor of the Washington-based Biblical Archeology Review, says the inscription — which dates back to 701 B.C.E. and is known as the Siloam Inscription — has virtually no value to Turkey and could be returned as part of an artifacts trade between Turkey and an Israeli museum.

"I think there is the possibility that there might be a kind of reciprocal trade," said Shanks, who wrote about this in the May/June issue of the magazine.

Shanks said there were any number of pieces in Israel which could be given to Turkey "in exchange, as an expression of gratitude."

A spokesperson at the Turkish Consulate said she was not familiar with the specifics of the Siloam Inscription, but that the Turkish government was open to considering claims on artifacts.

"As long as they can bring sufficient evidence and successfully prove (ownership), why should we keep the pieces?" said the spokesperson, Nisa Bayramoglu.

Israeli officials could not be reached for comment, but archeologists and biblical scholars said such trades are becoming increasingly common, as countries seek to reclaim cultural artifacts carried off during colonial rule.

Turkey itself is trying to retrieve a number of its ancient artifacts from museums. In one such effort, the Turkish government has filed a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, seeking return of a well-known ancient Greek find called the Lydian Treasure.

But unlike the Lydian Treasure — which is made of silver and gold — the Siloam Inscription has little intrinsic value, and scholars said its return to Israel would allow it to be displayed among other pieces of biblical significance.

The Siloam Inscription commemorates the completion of a tunnel from the ancient City of David — Jerusalem — to a freshwater pool outside the city's walls. The inscription marked the site where the two teams of diggers boring the 1,750-foot long tunnel met, wrote Shanks in his article.

The tunnel was built while the Assyrians, under Sennacherib, were readying to lay siege to the City of David. By ensuring a continuous supply of fresh water, the Judeans were able to withstand the city's siege.

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Shamir addresses delegates

Canadian Bonds group visits Israel, Soviet Union

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —
About one dozen young professionals from Ontario and Quebec were part of an Israel Bonds New Leadership delegation that visited the Soviet Union and Israel earlier last month, meeting with top Israeli leaders and witnessing efforts to absorb hundreds of thousands of new immigrants.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the delegation of 200 Jewish leaders from Canada, the United States, Mexico and France that in the next five to 10 years Israel expects to absorb over a million immigrants from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

"This will mean adding 25 per cent to our population — the equivalent of transferring the whole population of France to the United States," he said.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i estimated it would cost Israel approximately $50 billion to absorb a million newcomers. "But we must find the means to do this. These immigrants, with their extraordinary high level of education and skills, bring Israel enormous wealth that will be lost if we fail to find jobs for them," he warned.

Increased funding sought

At a new housing site in the Negev development town of Kiryat Gat, Housing Minister Ariel Sharon told the delegation that Israel must build half a million apartments in the next five years.

The government leaders called on Diaspora Jews to do their part to help Israel absorb the massive wave of immigration and congratulated Israel Bonds for raising $500 million in the first six months of the year. The organization has set a goal of $1 billion in Bonds sales for 1991, all of which is to go to help Israel build houses and create jobs for new immigrants.

All three leaders categorically rejected the proposal that Israel halt settlement activity in return for an end to the Arab boycott. "We are being asked to make a sacrifice that may endanger our lives in order to help French or American companies do business," proclaimed Sharon.

Moida'i declared that the Golan Heights "are not negotiable." "The only thing we are willing to offer for peace is peace," he said. "We will not negotiate with the lives of our people."

During their trip the delegates also met with Police Minister Roni Milo, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Beersheva Mayor Yitzhak Ragor and IDF Spokesman Nachman Shai, as well as with young Israel professionals in their own fields. The Canadian delegation attended a reception at the residence of Canada's Ambassador to Israel Michael Bell.

During their five-day trip to the Soviet Union, the participants, accompanied by former Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun, visited Jewish sites, including newly-opened synagogues, and met with members of the Israeli consulate in Moscow.

The head of the Canadian delegation, Larry Stookhamer of Thornhill, Ont., described the visit to Moscow's only synagogue as "especially moving." Only a few years ago Jews were not allowed to attend that synagogue, he noted.

Robert Cash of Toronto said that while Jews seemed to be enjoying new-found freedom in the Soviet Union, he sensed undercurrents of anti-Semitism that might be unleashed if the economic situation worsens. "There was no overt anti-Semitism, but several Jews told me about small incidents that suggest that it is lying just beneath the surface."

Many were struck by the sense that the country was "on the verge of collapse," with shortages of nearly every basic item.

For most delegates, the trip to the Soviet Union underlined the urgency of supporting Israel's efforts to absorb immigrants.

"Buying a Bond in order to loan Israel some money seems like the least I can do," said Dr. Carol Deitcher of Toronto.

Yitzhak Moda'i

Likened to Alfred Dreyfus

Israeli mayors support Deri

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
Embattled Interior Minister Arye Deri got some welcome support last week from mayors of development towns, who denounced his alleged "trial by press."

The charge also had ethnic overtones.

One of the mayors, David Bouskilla of the Negev town of S'derot, likened Deri to Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, a French army officer of Jewish origin falsely accused of treason by anti-Semitic conspirators in the late 19th century.

"It is not a far-fetched comparison, only this is happening in the Jewish state," Bouskilla said.

He referred to the year-long police investigation of Deri, widely reported by the Israeli news media. The 31-year-old minister, the youngest cabinet member, is suspected of financial improprieties but has yet to be formally charged.

The case made new headlines recently when State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, in her latest report, excoriated the Interior Ministry for handing out huge sums of government money to religious institutions affiliated with Deri's Orthodox Shas party.

The report brought a flood of demands that Deri resign. A measure was introduced in the Knesset that would require an official under investigation to step down, pending completion of the investigation.

Adding to Deri's troubles was the unexpected announcement by the director general of the Interior Ministry, Dov Kehat, that he is resigning, effective in October.

Kehat, a Deri appointee, was twice cited by name in the comptroller's report. The report blasted the system whereby the Interior Ministry parcels out public funds to favored institutions by way of local authorities that depend on the ministry for their own subsidies.

But many heads of local authorities, including Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Eli Landau, mayor of Herzliya, defended Deri. They noted that he did not invent the system of political handouts.

According to Landau, the system is common to other ministries which have not abandoned it even as Deri is being publicly pilloried.

Some of the development-town mayors contended that the media treatment of Deri "smacked of ethnic bias."

Like Deri himself, most of the mayors are of Moroccan origin and deeply suspicious of the news media, which are controlled largely by Ashkenazic Jews.

"The press will not judge him. He deserves a fair trial in a court of law," declared Yossi Ellul, mayor of Hatzor, an immigrant town in Galilee.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) —
Interior Minister Arye Deri received a second jolt last week when the director general of his ministry, Dov Kehat, suddenly announced his resignation.

The first blow fell with the release of a report by State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat excoriating the Interior Ministry for handing out huge sums of government money to religious institutions affiliated with Deri's Shas party.

Under police investigation

Although Kehat vigorously denied any connection between the report and his decision to leave the office to which Deri had appointed him, observers noted that he was twice cited by name in direct connection with money transfers the comptroller considered suspect.

Deri himself has been under police investigation for the past year for alleged financial improprieties, and the state prosecutors reportedly will decide soon whether to bring formal charges against him.

Release of the comptroller's report intensified demands for his resignation and legislation pending in the Knesset may force him to quit for the duration of the investigation.

Kehat's resignation, which observers said was bound to weaken Deri, will take effect in October. He said he is quitting to go into private business.

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Front Line

Isaac Bashevis Singer kept his distance from society

ANALYSIS

By
RUTH WISSE

We mourn the death of Isaac Bashevis Singer, Nobel laureate, and extraordinary master of Yiddish fiction. Singer wrote a great deal about himself, and he seemed to enjoy the public exposure of interviews and lectures, yet he always remained aloof. Even for his Yiddish readers, who read him several times a week in the pages of the *Forward*, he was a man apart, like a visitor from another planet who was so formed by its atmospheric conditions that he could scarcely adjust to our world.

In a sense, Singer did pass from one planet to another. Born in 1904 to a rabbi and rabbi's daughter in a small Polish Jewish town, he was raised according to the discipline of the Torah, which always defined for him the strict boundaries of good and evil. *In My Father's Court*, the most pleasant of his books, he recalls the saintly striving of his parents to be good people, charitable to others at their own expense, perfectly just in their counsel and their dealings. His father indulged in mystical exercises for which his rational mother had little patience, but both parents were equally devout and equally graced with love of God.

Singer lost his faith some time during the First World War. His older brother Israel Joshua had set him an example by defying Judaism outright, and his older sister Esther was equally dissatisfied with the strictures of their parents, though not as quick to throw over the traces. But whereas his older siblings believed that their revolt against tradition was part of the march of progress, and that the new freedoms of secular humanity were a vast improvement over the teachings of the rabbis, Singer had no such hope at all. He lost his faith without ever finding another. He distrusted humanism and all the secular ideologies even more profoundly than the Jewish habits he had abandoned.

Ruth R. Wisse

Singer was twice estranged, from both the world of his parents and the society of his contemporaries. Most of the other Yiddish writers and intellectuals of Poland between the world wars were charged with hope. Some were thrilled by the Soviet experiment on the other side of the Polish border, and by the vision of the New Man who would emerge from egalitarian society. Others believed that everywhere in the Diaspora autonomous Jewish proletarian communities would function with Yiddish as their common national language. Still others welcomed human liberation for its own sake, championing Esperanto as the international language of an emerging international brotherhood.

Singer discovered, contrarily, that those who abandoned God went straight to the devil. The human being might be driven, as he himself had been driven by his reason, to doubt the sanctity of God's Law, but it was dangerous folly to think that reason could ever provide a substitute for God's Law. The more human beings believed in their own powers, the greater the evil they would commit. Bashevis Singer ceased to believe that God had revealed himself to the Jews at Sinai, but he never stopped believing in the devil. The devil's Torah was to persuade man that *he* was God.

Singer's first major novel, *Satan in Goray*, 1935, brought the power of the devil to life. Set in the small Polish-Jewish town of Goray (Bilgoray) in the aftermath of the 17th century Ukrainian pogroms, the novel recounts how its Jews react to the news that Shabtai Tsvi the Messiah has been revealed. Desperate to be relieved of their poverty and misery, they abandon all their constraints and give themselves over to the future. They believe that the Messiah has brought an end to history. Without the least hint of reference to contemporary events, *Satan in Goray* nevertheless projects an incomparable view of modern messianism, and of the devastation it leaves.

Because most of the characters of Singer's fiction are modern young Jews like himself, they almost invariably become playthings of the demons. Take but one step out of the bounds of halacha, and the typical Singer hero plunges into sin like a child coming down a slide, hurtling from one sin to another, one lie to a bigger lie, one woman to a second and a third and a fourth. Missing from Singer's work is the complex moral struggle between good and evil that was the staple of 19th century fiction and that — hopefully — remains the staple of 20th century moral life. In Singer's world, it is all or nothing, and a man will either commit himself to ultra-orthodoxy or commit every abomination: he simply cannot be trusted to discriminate between good and evil on his own.

This view of immorality as the inevitable consequence of modernity gradually weakened the narrative fibre of Singer's fiction in the same way that it weakened the moral fibre of his heroes. Sin became so automatic that it was just a cliche. The awareness of human limitations, that had once cut through Singer's consciousness with real pain, now became an excuse for easy surrender. His devil began to seem like a tired magician, who didn't think enough of audience to give them his best act.

One can well understand the depth of Singer's disillusionment with the modern world, and his distrust of himself for having joined it. One can also understand some of his appeal for an audience that may not have been familiar with Polish Jewry, but that knew all about surrendering to a world without God.

OPINION

Israel rejects high profile AIDS publicity campaign

By
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Israel stands somewhere in the middle of tables listing per-capita incidents of AIDS among European countries (Israel is a member of the European branch of the World Health Organization). Of 31 countries, Israel is 18th. It's nothing to be proud of, but AIDS is still far from being the number-one health danger to the public.

Smoking, by comparison, kills 5,000 Israelis yearly, while AIDS has killed 90 in the past decade.

In the decade since the virus was discovered, 147 Israelis have been reported as having the disease; of those, 85 men and five women have died. There were 31 new cases last year, compared to 30 in 1989.

The number of reported carriers of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is 577, but since there is no law that forces individuals from high-risk groups to be tested, the actual number of people with HIV antibodies is believed to be several times that figure.

For at least half the time since the virus's discovery, most victims were homosexuals or hemophiliacs. But for some time, all blood and blood products have been tested for AIDS, and people need no longer fear becoming infected by transfusions or use of clotting agents.

Homosexuals have learned to be more careful, and the widespread use of condoms among them has reduced infection in that sector.

Today, AIDS is spreading fastest among drug addicts who share HIV-tainted needles.

AIDS was headline news five years ago, when international news magazines published cover stories about the dreaded disease and many people went for testing. But the seven centres in local hospitals that test for HIV anonymously and at no cost see many fewer applications today.

Some AIDS experts blame the public health authorities for minimizing the danger and keeping awareness on the back burner, but the health ministry says it is doing what it can with its limited budget. Just the testing of blood donations costs more than $1 million a year.

And the government subsidizes the use of AZT, a drug that slows the development of the disease, for treating AIDS patients here.

Some people think that if AIDS is not mentioned, it might go away. Deputy Health Minister Eliezer Mizrahi pressured ministry officials to tone down its publicity campaign against AIDS that depicted condoms and used language understandable to teenagers.

The type of TV public-service announcements against AIDS that are acceptable to the American public have been rejected by Israel TV. *(JPFS)*

(Judy Siegel-Itzkovich is the health and medical correspondent for the Jerusalem Post.)

Those Jewish dreams really do mean something

HUMOR

By
ALLAN GOULD

Anyone who knows the Hebrew Bible — unless you went to the cheder that this writer was sentenced to in the United States — is well aware of dreams, and their importance. Whether it was angels appearing in a dream of Jacob's (which led to the first Jewish name-change in history, by the way), or the wonderful dreams of his son Joseph — which led to such glorious adventures as getting tossed into a pit by his brothers and getting out of an Egyptian prison — dreams have always had great meaning to Jews.

In more modern times, Sigmund Freud had a best-seller on the topic, wherein he dissected how dreams "work" for us. Well, I felt that it was about time that someone looked at the truly Jewish meaning of dreams, and what they might mean to the readers of The CJN. Here are just a few of the things which you may dream, in the weeks and months ahead; cut this out and keep it on the fridge, next to the half-price coupons for margarine. You will probably use even less cholesterol with this sheet.

If you dreamed of:

AN ANGEL. This either means that you long for love, or forgiveness, or you're irritated that your uncle keeps pushing you to invest in some lousy musical he wants to produce at an alternative theatre in Regina. Keep your wallet tightly shut.

THIRST. You are on a sand dune, dragging your body under a burning sun. This means that you should never, ever, **ever** again eat pickled herring just before the Yom Kippur service.

A DENTIST. Either you feel that you need a trip to the dentist, or you wish you had become a dentist, or you have a nephew's bar mitzvah coming up, and it'll be like pulling teeth for your spouse to get you to go.

AN INSURANCE SALESMAN. Either you sell insurance and worked until just before you went to bed; or you just realized that you insured your bungalow when it cost $25,000 and it's now worth $800,000, and if there's a fire, you won't get enough money to rebuild the washroom; or, more likely than not, you recently told your insurance salesman that he can dream that you'll buy that new, ludicrously expensive full-life policy, and, tragically, **you** ended up having the dream.

Allan Gould

AN AIRPLANE. This could mean many things. If you are a new Ethiopian arrival in Israel, that explains it. If you just earned enough frequent flyer miles to give you and your spouse a free trip to Hawaii, that could explain it, too. If you dream that you are the pilot, it's because in your family, you are more often than not the flight attendant, and you're sick and tired with serving your thankless children their meals. Make them cook it themselves.

THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. You want to look down on someone. You need to fight for something. You recently ate in a Syrian restaurant, and foolishly left too large a tip when the service wasn't any hotter than the food. You borrowed a book on Israel from the Jewish Public Library in June 1967, and suddenly remembered that you never returned it.

YOU ARE BEING CHASED BY A SHADOWY FIGURE. It's probably someone from the UJA. Give up; he's faster than Ben Johnson and more persistent than Javert in *Les Miserables*. Sign over the house and admit defeat.

A FARM. Either you're losing all your money, or you've moved so far up Bathurst Street, north of Toronto, that you could make a daily minyan even on weekdays, if it was only kosher to count cows. (Which you regularly do, backing out of your driveway.)

FLORIDA. You are just a normal, healthy Canadian Jew, since every normal, healthy Canadian Jew always dreams of Florida — certainly between October and April. Book the flight early.

SADDAM HUSSEIN. You have dreamt of the leader of Iraq, because it is too painful for you to think of Canadian political leaders, with whom you are truly stuck. Try to dream of General Schwartzkopf at the very moment that you dream of Saddam Hussein, and that should soon have him on the run. In the meantime, however, you are still stuck with Mulroney, Chretien and McLaughlin. Try to avoid this dream by not buying anything that you had to pay GST on just before going to sleep.

MATZAH. You are flat broke. You are tasteless. You haven't gone to the washroom in three days. None of your stocks have risen since last Passover. You're in deep trouble.

A ZOO. You either feel caged at work, or you just spent a long afternoon babysitting your grandchildren, after you had vowed that you had given up that sort of thing when your own kids had grown.

A FORK STICKING IN THE GROUND. Your rotten children got the milchik and fleishig mixed up again.

ICE AND SNOW. You have a second cousin getting married in Winnipeg next January. Go in good health.

YOUR HOUSE IS ON FIRE, A DOZEN POLICE ARE HAMMERING AT THE FRONT DOOR, THREE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS FROM *THE GLOBE AND MAIL* AND FIVE OTHERS FROM CBC-TV'S *THE FIFTH ESTATE* ARE STANDING OUTSIDE YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW, YOUR STOCKBROKER IS WEEPING ON YOUR COUCH AND BEGGING YOUR FORGIVENESS, YOUR PSYCHIATRIST HAS JUST MOVED TO PITTSBURGH, AND THE GUY FROM BELL CANADA HAS COME TO DISCONNECT YOUR PHONE. This is probably reality. We urge you to have a nice glass of 2 per cent milk — if you can afford it — and go to sleep. Remember, things could even be worse: You **could** have dreamed of the balabatim at your shul, with **yourself** being the rabbi.

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Editorial/Letters

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Consummate craftsman

Isaac Bashevis Singer, who died on July 24 at the age of 87, will be remembered as not only a superb writer but as the first — and perhaps the last — novelist writing in Yiddish to have won the Nobel Prize for literature. When, in 1978, he accepted his accolade, Singer startled the audience by breaking into Yiddish, of which he was a master. Describing Yiddish as a "tongue of martyrs and saints, of dreamers and cabalists," Singer was, unfortunately, correct when he said that Yiddish was "a language of exile, without a land, without frontiers, not supported by any government." Despite these apparent disadvantages, Singer rose to the occasion, turning out more than 30 novels, short stories, memoirs and children's stories, including *Satan in Goray, The Family Moskat, The Spinoza of Market Street, A Crown of Feathers, Enemies, a Love Story* and *A Day of Pleasure*.

He was a consummate craftsman whose impish wit, penetrating insight into human nature and abiding sense of wonder kept his material vital, vivid and refreshing. Singer, the son of a rabbi, wrote of Jewish life in the Diaspora, paying special attention to Poland, with its rich traditions of Jewish mysticism and folklore.

"The storyteller of our time, as in any other time, must be an entertainer of the spirit in the full sense of the word, not just a preacher of social and political ideals," he once declared. "Nonetheless, it is also true that the serious writer of our time must be deeply concerned about the problems of his generation."

Singer practised what he preached, as a succession of memorable characters — and goblins, demons and witches — sprang from the pages of his books. But Singer, too, was interested in such broad themes as secularization, the weakening of the family unit and loneliness. And to his credit, he did not shy away from the reality of human sexuality. As he put it: "In sex and in love, human character is revealed more than anywhere else."

Singer aficionados from Toronto and Tel Aviv to New York and Buenos Aires who've read him in translation will be pleased to learn that some of his works, still unpublished in English, will appear in the not-too-distant future. The great man has passed on, but his admirers can look forward to yet more precious literary gifts from one of the finest writers of the 20th century.

Terrorist banking

The recent Reuters news report about some of the clients serviced by the infamous Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) confirms suspicions that many have had for years about the financial resources and backing of some of the world's worst terrorist groups.

What is even more disquieting, according to the *Sunday Times*, is that British intelligence knew that Abu Nidal, leader of the Palestinian Fatah Revolutionary Council, kept more than 40 accounts at the BCCI. Nidal's group had been responsible, among other things, the 1985 Rome and Vienna airport shooting. The Bank of England, which has shut down operations of the Abu Dhabi-controlled BCCI, has also learned that the bank also serviced the Islamic Jihad, a constituent of the Hezbollah. The latter organization has played a leading role in the kidnapping and torturing of western hostages, particularly in Beirut.

In Lebanon, Hezbollah has been serving as the terrorist arm of Iran's radical government and has been engaged in plane hijackings and in fomenting violence against Israeli and Lebanese forces in the security zone in the south of the country. Money from the BCCI has ostensibly been used to purchase weapons and other material for the Hezbollah.

The bank's collapse has understandably caused great anxiety among its legitimate depositors who stand to loss millions of dollars.

While the Bank of England has taken moves to investigate this mushrooming scandal, the question of how much it and British intelligence authorities knew (and when they knew) about BCCI's involvement in financing some of the most odious terrorists, is still unanswered.

For years, Britain has issued regular pronouncements on the evils of terrorism in Ireland and the Middle East. It now turns out that a major financial institution with terrorist links has been operating with impunity in its own jurisdiction.

Neil Kinnock, the leader of the British Labor party, spoke with typical English understatement recently when he said, referring to recent revelations about the BCCI, that if information about it is accurate, it "is gravely disturbing."

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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OH, JERUSALEM!

The late Lucy Dawidowicz wrote the book *The War Against the Jews*, and if she were alive now she might write a book *The War Amongst the Jews*.

The news from Israel is that the Orthodox stream of Judaism in Israel is opposing the placing of Ethiopian Jews in so-called "irreligious" kibbutzim. They evidently are disregarding the fact that all the kibbutzim, be they Orthodox or otherwise, have been in the forefront in creating a homeland for our people. Their residents have endured many hardships, have fought in all of Israel's wars and have given their lives in its defence.

Senta Hodes-Gilbert
Toronto

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SPLIT IN COMMUNITY

The CJN (June 13) presented a distressing paradox. Five teenage Quebecois who had been convicted of assaulting Chassdic Jews in Outremont were, after a one-day rehabilitative exposure to the Jewish community, seen by the Jews who met them, as "very nice kids who listened attentively and were perceptive."

In contrast, North African Sephardim, who have had contact with Montreal Ashkenazim for 30 years, "dislike Ashkenazim...prefer French Canadians as colleagues and bosses" and "distinguish Ashkenazim as European born Jews, 'usually with thick accents,' who North Africans often encounter as landlords."

The difference in perception and description is striking: the first is positive, complimentary and optimistic; the latter negative — couched in the language of "racial" stereotypes found in anti-Semtitic publications. It would seem that tolerance varies inversely with familiarity — dislike and disdain, directly. In other words the better we know people, the less we like them. Religion seems too weak a reed to bridge the gap that culture and language establish.

This witch's brew of intolerance for cultural, ritual and linguistic difference, aggravated by a vigorous fight for power, is enough to shred the fabric of our community. Leon Ouaknine's comments underline the inherent destructiveness in the situation. I know the community has taken initiatives to address this issue in the past. It seems a good deal more needs to be done. We are, all of us, caught in the contradiction of desiring a cooperative and coherent community while insisting that "the other" conform to the standards of our own group, our own language, our own history and our own rituals.

Ouaknine refers to himself pejoratively as an "acceptable hybird;" he is fortunate to be one.

Ouaknine's idea of an "acceptable hybrid" suggest one solution to our problem: That we promote mutual interest, inter-relatedness and most of all inter-marriage. It was only recently that I came to know that the Sephardi community considers marriage with an Ashkenazi Jews as inter-marriage. So be it. I support it. Then a generation from now we can have a hybrid community which is acceptable, adaptable, strong, flexible and flourishing.

Edward D. Levinson, M.D.
Montreal

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MOSCOW SHUL DISPUTE

A few brief comments on Rabbis Schochet and Grossbaum's attacks (CJN, July 11) on Rabbi Gunther Plaut's report that the Lubavitcher denounced the Reform movement and its leadership to the Soviet authorities in Moscow.

It is very interesting that neither Rabbi Schochet nor Rabbi Grossbaum refuted Rabbi Plaut's contention that the above took place, and instead concentrated on defendning the ownership of the Poliakov Synagogue by Lubavitch as being valid.

Rabbi Grossbaum accuses Rabbi Plaut of "dedicating his weekly column to promote his personal persuasion as unprofessional." Why is it unprofessional? If he wrote a weekly column promoting Lubavitch, would it also be unprofessional?

I prefer the authenticity of the Encyclopedia Judaica's account of the Vilna Gaon's denunciation of Chassdism to Rabbi Schochet's version of what happened.

And finally, I deeply resent Rabbi Schochet's reference to Rabbi Plaut's German-American background as disqualifying him from caring about Soviet Jewry. Does Schochet's Canadian background make him more qualified? It smacks of religious and nationalistic elitism.

Jack Jacobson
Toronto

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Yitzhak Peretz

LISTEN TO PIRKEI AVOT

Two items in The CJN (June 20) made me think about Jewish tradition.

One is the article about Israel's absorption minister's remarks against housing olim in kibbutzim. The other is J. B. Salsberg's opinion column. Yitshak Peretz's position seems to be aimed at strengthening the Orthodox establishment's hold on Israeli politics in exactly the manner of which the rabbis warned us to beware. Their opinions expressed in Pirkei Avot are still valid. Minister Peretz could not go wrong by following those quoted by Mr. Salsberg.

Another perek is: do not use the Bible to further your economic interests. All of Israel's Orthodox politicians and their supporters should be required to memorize and abide by these wise words instead of pushing their way as the only right one.

Can we afford to allow Israel to become an exclusive Orthodox Jewish state for the benefit of the religious-political-economic interests of that group no matter how loudly self righteous they may be?

R. V. Heller
Montreal

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SURPRISE IN CHEETHAM HILL

There is a new English newspaper called the International Express now on sale in Canada each Thursday. The story followng was taken from a recent edition.

"A colleague was driving through Cheetham Hill, Manchester last week when he saw an old man of about 80 stumble and fall.

He stopped. But already four other drivers had stopped and were helping the old man to his feet. One said that he would take him home. Another was offering to make him a cup of tea.

My friend was amazed to witness such a scene just two miles from the heartless heart of the city.

Then it dawned on him. Cheetham Hill was not only a poor area. It was a Jewish area. The man who had fallen and the people who stopped to help him were all Jewish.

Hasn't the most persecuted race on Earth a lot to teach us about common humanity? Tom Utley"

As an ex-Mancunian I know the area Tom Utley is referring to, although the whole of Cheetham Hill is not a poor area and there are less affluent areas interspersed in the whole.

David E. Goldstone
Toronto

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HOSTILE TO ISRAEL

Recently, the press carried such headlines as Saddam's Recent War. The article describes Saddam's cruel and heartless massacre of his Kurdish people. Another press headline Kuwait Orders Six Journalists Hanged — Ten Others Jailed for Decades or Westerners Gone — Saudi Executioner Busy Man Again.

Did the press and the world raise cries of indignation? Did the United Nations pass resolutions condemning the heartless action against innocent people by Iraq, Kuwait, or Saudi Arabia? Of course not, the press editorials, condemnation by political leaders, and resolutions by the United Nations are reserved exclusively to be used against Israel. For example: United Nations Security Council condemns Israel for deporting four Palestinian terrorists. During the course of the last 10 years, the United Nations has entertained 175 hostile resolutions against Israel.

Why is it that no nation in the world is subjected to so much hostility in so many quarters as this tiny country of Israel with its small population and few resources? Does this indicate that anti-Semitism which has plagued the Jews for centuries is even more virulent to day than in the past?

S. J. Hardin
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90 PER CENT TO RESEARCH

Leukemia Research Fund is most grateful for The CJN's informative and timely article on leukemia and the work of our organization.

For the sake of accuracy, we would like to correct an inadvertent error. Almost 90 per cent (not over 90 per cent) of funds raised go directly to research into leukemia and related blood diseases. This is a proud record of achievement we constantly strive to maintain.

Myrna Lefko
President
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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FARBER — GREENSPAN

Jews were engaged in the art of dyeing and were responsible for developing techniques to which the modern craft is heavily indebted.

Farber is the German equivalent of dyer. The material of his craft was farb (dye).

Of frequent use as a pigment was a green or greenish blue substance obtained artificially by the action of dilute acestic acid on plates of copper, which we term verdigris (the green of Greece), where it originated. Spain replaced Greece as the supplier of green dye.

In German, verdigris was termed Gruenspan (the green of Spain). The well-known criminal lawyer Edward Greenspan is a distinguished bearer of this surname.

Opinion

Recalls attacks on Jews

Gypsies most recent victims of Polish pogroms

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I must preface this week's column with what I hope will be an adequate explanation.

I can truly state that I do not share some of the resentment that many former Polish Jews hold against the country and people of their birthland and the living centre of their ancestors for a thousand years.

Not that I am unaware of the mistreatment and persecution of Jews in Poland. I know of the bloody pogroms against Jews in that country. But I also know of long periods of culturally rich Jewish existence there.

And, of course, I know of the last organized pogrom of Jews in the world: the one that took place in Kielce, Poland, 45 years ago.

But, during the first 10 years of my life in the small Polish town of Lagov, there were not, to the best of my memory, any pogroms there.

Yes, there were moments when the old Jewish community of that town was filled with fear of a pogrom. And, yes, I remember my maternal grandmother, Miriam Shevah, always ending her Shabbat afternoon readings of the weekly portions of her large-print, *Tzeneh V'ereneh*, with her own addition: "and they should leave the Jews to live in peace."

And, yes, I remember, as a little lad, standing behind the lace curtain of the "front room" of her house, and peering at the mass of Christian Sunday worshippers pouring out of the only church in town. She literally pulled me away from the window and said: "What do you want . . . that some drunk should scream that you are laughing at them and start a pogrom?"

J.B. Salsberg

Yes, and I also remember another Sunday when the Jews learned that a few young Christian rowdies plotted to plunder Jewish stores and homes after the church service.

The Jewish elders of the town sent a young Jewish horserider to Opatov (Apt) for police and military help. They arrived before the church service had been completed and the town was saved from what was feared would develop into a pogrom.

Despite all such terrifying experiences, I believe that Jewish Lagov generally lived in peace with its non-Jewish, Polish population.

I was, however, surprised when I read in the July Yiddish weekly *Forverts* (Forward) of New York, a caption over a front page news item that read: Pogrom of gypsies in Poland. Here, in my hurried translation, is that blood-chilling report:

"The Polish press reported a pogrom of gypsies in the city of M'laveh, near Warsaw, where a number of them had settled after the war.

"It started with an auto accident. An auto, driven by gypsies, hit two pedestrians who were taken to a hospital. Immediately, a mob set out for the gypsy neighborhood and started a pogrom.

"The Warsaw correspondent of the Moscow newspaper, *Izvestia*, L. Toporkov, reported that the pogromists devastated and broke everything that came to hand, they destroyed houses and automobiles of the gypsies and, above everything, began to rob and to loot.

"Toporkov quotes the Warsaw newspaper, *Gazeta Vibortsha* that this occasion recalled the pogrom of 1946 against the Jews of Kielce, Poland, when the outbreak of hate 'dragged Poland back to the Middle Ages.'

"The gypsies ran from the city. Those who didn't manage to escape were murderously beaten. It is as yet not known whether any were murdered and how many are wounded. But the material losses are very large. The local police were unable to cope and appealed to neighboring towns for help. But before the help arrived the 'pogromists' had completed their wild deeds. The police used gas against the hooligans.

"It is reported that when the situation in M'laveh quietened, the local gypsies returned. They were joined by gypsies from other towns and formed a self-defence body. They reported that the material damages amount to six billion Polish zlotys (about $6 million). The Soviet journalist ends his report with a question: 'How does all this tally with the aspirations of post-Communist Poland to join the family of democratic countries of Europe?' "

I'm afraid that the victimized Polish gypsies will have a hard time answering that question.

The Jews, who had lived and made great contributions to Poland's welfare for a thousand years, also were unable to answer that question.

I'm afraid that only the Polish people themselves will have to find an answer and embrace a new era of existence.

President's ancestor wrote book in 1800s

This is not the first time Bush has dealt with Israel

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

If you are disappointed with U.S. President George Bush and his Middle East policies you can find relief in a bit of history. There was at least one other George Bush before him who disappointed his friends.

The bit of historical trivia comes by courtesy of Prof. Shalom Goldman of Dartmouth College, who in the always interesting magazine *American Jewish Archives* has published an article entitled, Professor George Bush, American Hebraist and Proto-Zionist.

This Mr. Bush died in 1859 at the age of 63. In his day, he was the finest Hebrew scholar among American Christians, wrote some 30 books and advocated a return of the Jews to the land of their ancestors. His motives weren't altogether admirable, as we shall see in a moment. In the *Dictionary of American Biography*, published in 1844, he was characterized as "one of the most profound and ingenious scholars of the present age."

A drawing which is prefaced to Goldman's article shows a bespectacled curly-haired gentleman with an impish (not wimpish!) smile, behind which he did his many unusual and eccentric ideas. Fact is, his contemporaries did not quite know how to cope with him. George Bush was somewhat of a problem to them.

Rabbi Plaut

Ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian church, he soon became engrossed in research, and began his publication with a book on the prophet Mohammed. It was the first book of its kind in the United States and not at all kindly disposed toward its subject. The book became highly popular and, needless to say, such a skewed guide to Islam could not help but prejudice his readers against the founder's religion.

Subsequently, Bush turned his attention to Hebrew and in 1835 published *A Grammar of the Hebrew Language*. At that time the study of Hebrew was no longer a prime subject of college instruction as it had been in Puritan days, when it was required of every student. Bush had the advantage of drawing on the knowledge of a Jewish colleague at New York University, a man who was an expert in Hebrew. Prof. Isaac Nordheimer had come from the famous Pressburg yeshivah, whose head was Rabbi Moses Schreiber, better known as the Hatam Sofer.

Nordheimer had received a PhD from a German university, and at newly founded NYU taught Arabic and other Oriental languages — but not Hebrew. No Jew was in those days asked to teach his ancestral language. That was the province of Christian scholars and remained so until very recent times. When I came to Toronto 30 years ago, Hebrew and Biblical subjects were taught exclusively by Gentiles; not a single Jew then graced the department of Near Eastern Studies at the university.

Bush had all sorts of unusual ideas. For instance, he scuttled his Presbyterian ordination and turned Swedenborgian mystic, which upset his friends and his university.

Another off-beat idea came in his book on the Jews. Called *Valley of Vision*, it had the subtitle *The Dry Bones of Israel Revived*. Bush did not think highly of our people and deemed it best if they could be removed to a land where they could give full play to their characteristics — most of which Bush thought to be negative. The word anti-Semite had not yet been invented, but if it had, the professor would probably have qualified. Aside from that, however, his settlement plans were realistic and farseeing.

Who would have thought that a direct descendant of the brother of Prof. Bush would some day become president of the United States and once more with issues arising from a return of the Jewish people to the land of Israel!

Skill-testing question raises anxiety level

Math comes in handy when seeking clothing discounts

By
ELAINE KAHN

I'm willing to believe there's such a thing as math anxiety in females, which ultimately turns them off math and the sciences and into fine arts where they belong. But I never suffered from it myself.

I was very good at math — I just hated it, that's all, and dropped it as soon as I could, which, back in the old days, meant after Grade 12. I'd loved arithmetic, basic geometry and even the beginnings of algebra — it was then things became hopelessly abstract, when we had to deal with concepts like unseen planes and vectors, that I lost it.

The continued high marks were due more to the tutelage of the other leading math students in my class (one male, two females) than to any ability on my part.

And I knew, with that particular arrogance of youth that considers prophecy a talent as natural as flirtation, that I was heading for a career and a life in which math would not be of the slightest use, aside from figuring out how much to tip in a restaurant.

I'm 38 years old and have just recently suffered my first case of math anxiety. When it struck, my face flushed, I felt sweaty, I feared those in control of the situation. My impulse was to run.

It was in a clothing store.

Rachel and I were shopping for a shul dress for her, a difficult enough task this year, with all youthful summer clothing being either culottes or sleeveless dresses. Soon after we entered the store, part of a national chain, a salesperson handed me a kind of envelope. I opened it and discovered I was entitled to 25 per cent off whatever I purchased, if I could answer the skill-testing question.

Elaine Kahn

The skill-testing question was an arithmetic sentence in which one had to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Something like: 100 + 20 x 2 — 90 ÷ 3 = (although these are not the numbers used in the store's question).

The answer to the store's question, if I figured out properly (doing the multiplication and division first, then adding and subtracting), came to a number with a decimal place.

I knew immediately that a simple skill-testing question, meant to be answered easily by all, would not result in anything as complicated as a decimal. So I figured out the answer again, doing each function in sequence (adding, multiplying, subtracting and dividing) and, sure enough, got a whole number.

That's when I panicked.

What was the answer the cashier would accept, should my daughter find something for me to buy? The answer that was right, by all the laws of arithmetic I had ever learned (110, in the example above)? Or the answer that was wrong (50, above), but probably both popular and expected? Would I have to be innumerate to claim my financial reward?

I stood in front of Rachel's changeroom praying she would find nothing she liked and my prayers were answered.

But the anxiety lingered, although it's growing public illiteracy (even among the educated and supposed literate), not in numeracy, that I track as a hobby. I decided to do two things — test several family members and friends with the example above and call the store's head office to see which answer it considered correct.

One friend and one relative got the right answer, as did my daughters (proudly informing me that they had learned arithmetic's "order of operation" in Grade 6 this year). My mother, my husband and two other friends got it wrong, including a friend who took math all the way through university.

Everyone I tested, except my mother and children, has at least one university degree.

The person in charge of this promotion for the clothing chain gave me the answer I expected from him, but dressed in language that made me feel worse. Store help had been instructed, he said, to accept both the answer one would get doing the functions in sequence, a method he termed "layman's math," and the right way, which he called "accounting math."

I know a skill-testing question is a legal requirement in certain kinds of prize-winning situations or lotteries. It's meant to attract buyers or participants, not really to test anything. But I find this all very disturbing.

The perpetual debate on various kinds of standards in education has heated up again and I know I'm not objective about it. I did well in school and my children do well, both on standard tests and with tests or teaching methods that are more creative. I'm not fond of rote learning, I think all humans, of any age, need to be able to explore and question in order to learn, I know there are cultural biases in standard tests.

But my recent experience points out one way in which lax standards simply hold people back.

My math teachers used to be upset because I didn't like something I was good at — for one thing, it reflected badly on them. To try to win me over, they'd tell me again and again how math was like a language and, since I loved languages, I should love math.

They were right about math being like a language, though, at the time, I thought they were crazy. The difference is that you can get along pretty well in the world today not speaking or writing perfectly — you can turn language on its head and become the most acclaimed writer of your generation.

But you can't progress in math if you don't have the basics down pat — without knowing the true right answers, you'll never move on to become a rocket scientist. Never.

Some people may find elitist my assumption that the store would accept the "wrong" answer. I'm just very sad to have been right.

And I'm letting my husband do all future clothes shopping with our kids. He's got no problems with math.

Features

Shelef returns to Canada

Envoy wants to enrich relations

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Last January, Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens blasted Canada's Middle East policy. Addressing a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation, he took Ottawa to task for voting in favor of an October 1990 United Nations resolution condemning Israel, and voiced disappointment over Canada's refusal to grant Israel aid for resettling Soviet Jewish immigrants.

Claiming that Israel's traditionally good relationship with Canada had hit a low point, Arens asserted: "There is considerable room for improvement because there is nowhere to go but up."

Yitzchak Shelef, Israel's new ambassador to Canada, looks momentarily perturbed when asked whether he shares Arens' analysis. After all, Shelef — a careful, cautious man who assumed command of the Israeli embassy only seven months ago from his predecessor, Israel Gur-Arieh — has no interest in perpetuating the now-defunct contretemps. As Israel's senior diplomat in this country, his function is to minimize conflict and to maximize amity.

"Canada and Israel see each other as friendly countries," he says with some finality in an interview in his neat, spacious 10th-floor office in a gleaming glass building near Parliament Hill.

There is actually a great deal of understanding between Israel and Canada, and this has been the case for many years now, he adds.

"However," Shelef allows, "there are certain subjects about which we agree not to agree." Yet these differences "don't need to have an impact on basic friendly relations."

Although he is reluctant to speak of "irritants" in Israel's ties with Canada, he freely acknowledges that "we don't see eye to eye on the peace process and the PLO."

In opposition to Israeli government policy, Canada favors the land-for-peace formula in Arab-Israeli negotiations, criticizes the building of settlements in the territories and deals directly with the PLO.

Nevertheless, the ambassador says, "these are not major political problems for Canada and Israel." Indeed, he argues, they do not "influence" the tenor of relations.

Canada, he goes on to say, has agreed in principle to grant Israel economic aid, in the form of credits, to absorb the wave of Soviet Jews currently flooding into the Jewish state. Shelef can't be more specific, but notes it marks the first time that Canada is extending economic assistance to Israel.

Israel has not requested Canadian aid to rebuild residential neighborhoods damaged last January by Iraqi Scud missiles. But Canada, he says, has donated $500,000 to the Magen David Adom for this purpose.

Shelef is "generally satisfied" with Canada's voting record at the United Nations — notwithstanding its condemnation of Israel's handling of the Temple Mount Palestinian riots last October and a 1989 Canada-Israel Committee report which claimed that Ottawa was voting against Israel with increasing frequency at the UN.

He concedes that there has been a "slight change" in Canada's UN position regarding Israel. While voicing hope for an improvement, he expresses satisfaction with Canada's support of Israel at various international organizations. And without elaborating, he notes that Canada has been helpful in conveying Israeli views to third countries not necessarily friendly to Israel.

As he sees it, his role is to enrich Israel's overall relationship with Canada. More specifically, Shelef wants "to deepen and widen" economic and cultural links and to better acquaint Canadians with Israel's problems.

Shelef hopes to increase Israeli exports, citing science-based products, fruits and vegetables and cut flowers. He will also encourage Canadians to invest in Israel, so as to facilitate the successful absorption of Soviet Jews into Israeli society.

Israel's annual trading volume with Canada stands at about $200 million. "Any increase would be welcomed," he says. In his view, Israeli exporters often overlook Canada because of Europe's proximity and because of Israel's free trade accord with the United States.

Canadians, he muses, do not lack an understanding of Israel's internal and external problems. But the recent Gulf War, with its unprovoked Iraqi Scud attacks on Israeli cities, enhanced Canadians' appreciation of Israel's security problems, he feels.

Apart from these goals, Shelef seeks to strenghten the connection between Israel and Canadian Jewry.

Asked to delineate Israel's chief challenges in the next five or 10 years, Shelef cites the absorption of new immigrants, the achievement of "peaceful co-existence" with its Arab neighbors and the development of a modern, competetive industrial infrastructure.

Yitzchak Shelef [Andre Sima photo]

Shelef is hopeful that Israel can reach a peace agreement with the Arabs, "some of whom realize that Israel is not their enemy."

Striking an impassioned and earnest tone, Shelef observes: "Israel is serious when it says it wants to achieve peace with the Arabs. Israel would like to sit down at the same table with the Arabs so that each side can present its views without any preconditions."

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Now in his mid-50s, and the father of four grown children, Shelef is a fourth-generation Israeli, born and raised in Jerusalem.

Shelef's forebears arrived in Ottoman Palestine from the Baltics in the mid-19th century, literally walking the entire distance. They opened a candy facory in old Jerusalem, and on the eve of the First World War, moved to the newer, western part of the city.

Ambassador seeks to strengthen connection between Israel and Jews

Shelef, the son of Binjamin and Zahava, entered the Israeli foreign service in 1965 after practising law. "I thought diplomacy might be more interesting and challenging, and after 26 years, I'm sure it was the right decision."

In 1969, in his first posting abroad, he was sent to Ethiopia, where Israel has important interests. He recalls a meeting with Emperor Haile Selassie, who rejected a request for Jewish emigration. "He was sure that Jews brought luck and special talents to his empire. But our efforts to bring out Jews did not cease."

Shelef's next overseas assignment was in Tokyo. He arrived in Japan on the eve of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, which prompted Japan to adopt a pro-Arab line, particularly in economic affairs. "It wasn't easy for an Israeli diplomat to explain Israel's problems. Japan is so remote from the Middle East. There is no knowledge of the Bible, and Japan never had a substantial Jewish community." Shelef was kept busy explaining Israel to the government, the parliament, the media and the public at large.

From 1981 to 1985, he and his wife, Malka, a nurse by profession, were in Ottawa. As minister counsellor, he was in charge of political affairs.

Upon his return to Israel, Shelef became head of the foreign ministry's legal division and then deputy director of administration.

In August 1986, he was dispatched to Helsinki, Finland, to participate in the first open Soviet-Israeli political meeting since the Six Day War. "The atmosphere was professional and friendly. Both sides were open with each other."

Although the encounter lasted less than one hour, much less than generally expected, it was perceived as successful. "We achieved what we wanted — an understanding of further talks."

The Helsinki talks paved the way for the arrival of a special Soviet diplomatic mission to Israel in July of 1987, an event that led to further and still-ongoing improvements in Soviet-Israeli relations.

Shelef is hopeful that a resumption of full Soviet-Israeli ties is not far off. "We hope that it will occur before a Middle East peace conference gets under way."

Prior to his second posting to Canada, Shelef was actively involved in the re-establishment of Israeli relations with Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Ethiopia.

These nations, he says, can benefit from Israeli technical advice. Speaking of Eastern Europe, he remarks: "We have a long history with these countries which can't be forgotten. There is a lot of good will for Israel in Eastern Europe, as well as a lot of understanding for Israel's problems."

Shelef is glad to be back in Ottawa — his first ambassadorial posting. "I knew Canada already. I was happy to be appointed."

He is undaunted by Ottawa's reputation as the world's second-coldest capital (after Ulan Bator, Mongolia). "I love the cold weather," he chuckles, saying he enjoys cross-country skiing. "The Canadian winter doesn't bother me at all."

Mideast Analysis

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

At this point, when a Middle East peace conference, sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union, is close at hand, it may be useful to understand why the antagonists in the Arab-Israeli dispute are finally prepared to sit down and negotiate their deep-seated differences.

Israel wants peace, recognition and direct talks with its Arab neighbors — goals that have eluded the Jewish state since its establishment 43 years ago. Egypt, of course, is the exception, having forged a rapprochement with Israel in 1979.

Beyond these long-sought objectives, Israel has everything to gain by taking part in a regional conference: the expectation of a $10 billion loan guarantee for Soviet immigrant absorption from the United States, enhanced ties with Washington and Europe and a full resumption of diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Syria, one of Israel's bitterest enemies, accepted U.S. peace proposals for the same reason it joined the anti-Iraqi coalition during the Persian Gulf crisis: the possibility of establishing a cordial and profitable relationship with Washington now that its chief patron, the Soviet Union, has lost the Cold War. Like the late Anwar Sadat of Egypt, Syrian President Hafez Assad seems to have reached the inescapable conclusion that Israel is here to stay, and that he can only wrest the Golan Heights away from Israel with U.S. assistance.

The Bush administration has reportedly assured Syria that it does not recognize Israel's 1981 annexation of the Golan Heights, and that United Nations Resolution 242 — the basis of Mideast diplomacy since the Six Day War — applies to *all* the territories.

Jordan fell into line within two days of Syria's decision in principle to participate in talks. The timing was hardly coincidental. King Hussein has never been willing to expose himself to Syria's wrath, notwithstanding his desire to settle his problems with Israel. As long as Assad remained in the rejectionist camp, King Hussein felt he had to resist the temptation of joining the peace process. King Hussein, however, must watch his flanks: Jordan's parliament has rejected the idea of an Arab accommodation with Israel.

Is peace at hand?

But if King Hussein persists, and if the Jordanian delegation at peace negotiations includes legitimate Palestinian representatives, Jordan will be well positioned to rebuild its damaged relations with the United States (not to mention Saudi Arabia).

Until quite recently, Israeli dogma held that **Lebanon** would be the second Arab country to come to terms with Israel. This theory was profoundly wrong because Lebanon was too internally divided and far too weak to defy the Arab world. Lebanon backed the American proposals only *after* Syria gave its consent. The truth is that Lebanon has virtually become a Syrian protectorate in the wake of its recent friendship and cooperation treaty with Syria.

At a time when Lebanon is desperately trying to rebuild itself after 16 years of civil war, Lebanon's inclusion in the peace process may eventually encourage Israel to withdraw its forces from its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon and from Jezzine, the Christian town just north of it.

Saudi Arabia has always been in the vanguard of the anti-Israel Arab alliance. But since the Gulf crisis, the Saudis have become unprecedentedly beholden to the United States. The Americans, after all, stopped expansionist Iraq from dominating the area and threatening Saudi oil fields. The House of Saud "owes" the Americans, and repayment for services rendered takes the form of peaceful, stable relations with the Zionist enemy.

In a concessionary move, the Saudis offered to suspend the pernicious Arab boycott in return for an Israeli freeze on settlement activities in the territories. But Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was not interested.

The remaining members of the Gulf Co-operation Council — **Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar** and the **United Arab Emirates** — will follow Saudi Arabia to the negotiating table, and thereby broaden the arc of peace in the region.

Peace may yet be in the offing.

Was one of most feared and powerful men of his time

Kaganovich helped create Stalin's totalitarian regime

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
TORONTO —

Lazar Moyseyevich Kaganovich was 97 when he died in Moscow last month, the only Jew to hold high office during Josef Stalin's final years as supreme ruler of the Soviet Union.

Jewish Communists served the Soviet government in senior positions for about three decades after the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. But in the aftermath of the Second World War, as the Cold War deepened, they were gradually purged from the ranks of the hierarchy.

Stalin's anti-Jewish purges affected not only loyal apparatchiks, but writers, doctors, scientists, actors, artists and diplomats. Amid the bloodletting, Kaganovich was left untouched. Until his dismissal from the Communist party apparatus in 1957, he was widely regarded as one of the most feared and powerful men in the country.

The son of a poor Ukrainian-Jewish tailor, Kaganovich reached the apex of his influence in the 1930s and 1940s, when he became Stalin's right-hand aide. First secretary of the party's Ukrainian branch from 1925 to 1928, he was appointed to the ruling Politburo in 1930. Subsequently summoned to head the Moscow party committee, Kaganovich was then named chairman of the party's powerful control commission.

Stalin entrusted Kaganovitch with crucial tasks — the forced and bloody collectivization of agriculture, the terrible party purges, the building of the Moscow subway and the organization of heavy industry during the Second World War.

Kaganovich was a hard, ruthless individual who, together with Stalin and his cronies, fashioned a gray totalitarian regime that became synonymous with the suppression of democracy and all its attendant rights and freedoms.

An anti-Zionist, Kaganovitch was not favorably disposed toward Jewish sovereignty in Palestine. In August of 1947, three months before the United Nations' historic decision to partition Palestine, he urged U.S. Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson to block the emergence of a Jewish state.

As related by Stuart Kahan in *The Wolf of the Kremlin*, Kaganovich said: "I was born a Jew, and I am against it (a Jewish state in Palestine). What good will it do? The country is desolate. Nothing grows there. It will contribute little. There is no oil to speak of. And the most important aspect of all is that the Arab countries will not like it."

Like U.S. President Harry Truman, Stalin disregarded Kaganovich's advice, as both Moscow and Washington voted to partition Palestine, and recognize Israel.

Kaganovich faithfully accepted Stalin's Draconian edict to emasculate Jewish culture, but questioned the propriety and legality of the infamous Doctors' Plot and resisted his order for deporting Jews to Siberia.

According to Kahan, Kaganovich argued that the nine doctors (six of them Jews) who had been arrested for plotting to murder high-ranking functionaries had been convicted without the submission of evidence. What's more, he demanded that the deportation orders be immediately rescinded.

Stalin, shocked by Kaganovich's boldness, uttered several expletives, and collapsed, dying there and then.

With Stalin's passing, Kaganovich's influence ebbed. In 1957, Nikita Khrushchev, his former protege, expelled him from the party, claiming that as Stalin's chief henchman he had compiled a blood-soaked record.

In his penultimate years, Kaganovich lived with a housekeeper in a large apartment across from Gorky Park, a pensioner who subsisted on 300 rubles a month. Neighbors saw him walking his dog or sitting on a park bench.

Plagued by poor health, he was afflicted by blindness, a heart attack and a broken hip.

To the end, he was faithful to an ideology now being phased out by Mikhail Gorbachev and company. "I was a Communist and I'll always remain a Communist," he told a newspaper interviewer last year.

Kaganovich was unrepentant.

RUSSIANS UPGRADE SKILLS

A new course for Russian dental technicians at the Hadassah College of Technology is designed to upgrade the olims' skills in Western dental methods and equipment. Genia and Uri are studying the use of porcelain in dental work rather than the metals used in the U.S.S.R. Accomodating 30 olim, the three-month course is one facet of the ongoing programs conducted by Hadassah Medical Centres, College of Technology and other Hadassah training centres in Israel helping absorb many hundreds of immigrants, mainly in health care fields.

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Growing aliya causing rise in unemployment

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The unexpectedly high rate of emigration from the Soviet Union last month has aliya officials elated. But economists are alarmed by fast-rising unemployment among the newcomers.

The good news is that aliya from the Soviet Union is on the upswing, despite predictions of a falling-off after new Soviet passport regulations took effect July 1.

Under the new rules, anyone can leave the Soviet Union; but those leaving must now have passports. The new demand was expected to bog down the inexperienced Soviet bureaucracy, delaying emigration for months, if not years.

But immigrant arrivals reached a rate of 350 a day recently, Simcha Dinitz, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization Executives, reported to the WZO Executive here.

About 500 Soviet Jews arrived here over the July 27 weekend and another 500 landed July 29, raising the total to more than 10,000 so far last month.

Dinitz predicted the upward trend would continue. About one million Soviet Jews have obtained Israeli affidavits he reported. About 100,000 of them already have exit visas, half of them for Israel, he said.

"The aliya potential stands at 1.5 million Jews, and we continue to prepare ourselves to bring them to Israel as early as possible," the Jewish Agency chairman said.

The Jewish Agency presently has about 83 emissaries in the Soviet Union. Most serve as counselors at 11 summer camps attended by Jewish youngsters, Dinitz reported.

He said the Polish authorities had assured him at a meeting in Warsaw that Poland will assist in the movement of Soviet Jewish emigrants, partly by instituting special night flights.

Because there are still no direct flights between Moscow and Tel Aviv, Soviet Jews bound for Israel fly via Warsaw or other Eastern European capitals.

In contrast to Dinitz's rosy picture, the latest figures published by Bank Leumi economists July 29 showed a 42 per cent unemployment rate among new immigrants.

Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz predicted there will be 150,000 jobless Jews in the country by the end of the year.

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World

Bonds women mobilize to aid new immigrants

NEW JERSEY —

With a view toward helping Israel absorb a massive influx of Soviet and Ethiopian Jews, the Women's Division of State of Israel Bonds has mounted a concerted effort "to continue the extraordinary momentum" of its 1991 campaign.

The announcement was made by Women's Division national chairman Bobbie Goldstein after Israel's minister of tourism, Gideon Patt, told Women's Division leaders that "your help is vital to our efforts." The Bonds women's campaign has mobilized $35 million in Bond investment capital in the first half of this year, Goldstein told U.S. and Canadian delegates to a two-day National Women's Division conference.

Attending from Toronto were Ruhama Goldstein, honorary chairman of the Canadian Women's Division, Bertha Dermer and Esther Sarick. They said that upon returning to Toronto they would implement an accelerated campaign to ensure that the 1991 Women's Division goals would be met.

Patt said that up to 1.5 million immigrants are anticipated over the next three to four years, requiring the creation of 600,000 additional jobs and 400,000 additional apartments. Israel has announced that all 1991 Bond proceeds will be channelled towards housing and jobs for Soviet, Ethiopian and other immigrants.

In detailing the dramatic airlift of the Ethiopian Jewish community to Israel, the Israel cabinet minister said Operation Solomon was a moving demonstration of the raison d'etre of the State of Israel. "It shows us what might have been possible in the 1930s and 1940s" when European Jewry was denied safe haven by other countries.

The role of the Bond program in helping Israel re-settle tens of thousands of Soviet and Ethiopian immigrants was outlined by Ambassador Meir Rosenne, president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization, and Michael D. Siegal, national campaign chairman, who recently returned from a three-day visit to Israel.

Betty Raphael of Baltimore served as conference chairman. Co-chairmen included Ruhama Goldstein of Toronto, Phyllis Heideman of Washington, Bess Myerson of New York and Gaye Jolosky of Columbus.

Shulamit Katznelson, director of Ulpan Akiva in Israel, and writer Gerda Klein addressed the conference, where workshops covered sales techniques, personal solicitation, Israel Bond instruments and campaign strategy. Special mention was made of Hadassah's participation in the Bond effort after the women's organization this year mobilized $1 million in Bond investments.

An artist's proof of Lucien Krief's lithograph *A Woman of Valor* was presented to Vera Rosenne in recognition of her outstanding efforts as national honorary chairman of Israeli Affairs in the Bonds Women's Division.

Since its inception in 1951, State of Israel Bonds has mobilized approximately $11 billion in investment capital for the development of every aspect of Israel's economy, including agriculture, commerce and industry. Now, with tens of thousands of Jews arriving from the Soviet Union, Bond proceeds are being utilized by Israel to provide jobs and homes for Soviet, Ethiopian and other immigrants.

Toronto delegates to a recent National Women's Division Conference of State of Israel Bonds at the Newark Vista Hotel in New Jersey included Esther Sarick (left) and Ruhama Goldstein, honorary chairman of the Canadian Women's Division, (right). At centre is national Women's Division chairman Bobbie Goldstein.

Holocaust deniers sued by California survivor

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Eleven years ago, Los Angeles resident Mel Mermelstein had his first run-in with some of the United States' more sophisticated Holocaust-deniers.

In 1980, he took up a $50,000 offer by the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) to prove that Jews were gassed at Auschwitz. When the institute refused to pay, Mermelstein, whose mother and two sisters were murdered at the death camp, sued the IHR, eventually obtaining a $90,000 consent judgment as well as an apology.

On August 9, the Holocaust survivor will again be in court facing the IHR and three other parties. Mermelstein is bringing four grounds of suit against the Legion for the Survival of Liberty, which does business as the IHR, the Liberty Lobby and Willis Carto, founder of the organizations.

He is suing for defamation, malicious prosecution, intentional attempt to inflict emotional distress and conspiring to inflict emotional distress.

Mermelstein is asking for millions of dollars in damages, his lawyer, Jeffrey Mausner, told The CJN.

"We will show [the groups] are anti-Semitic and racist," he said.

Mausner said the allegation of defamation arises out of a 1985 IHR newsletter in which Mermelstein was called a "demonstrable fraud, false tale spinner and a vainglorious prevaricator."

The other legal grounds arise in response to a suit filed by the institute against Mermelstein that was quickly dismissed. "We're going to present witnesses and evidence to centre on whether the law suit brought against (Mermelstein). . . was frivolous and brought with malicious intent," Mausner said.

The IHR sued Marmelstein following a a 1985 New York radio interview in which the organization claimed that Mermelstein libelled them on the air.

Following withdrawal of the suit, Marmelstein sued for malicious prosecution, alleging the IHR suit was groundless.

Mausner, who worked for the Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations from 1979 to 1985, said that in a procedure in advance of the trial, Judge Stephen O'Neill of the Los Angeles Superior Court took judicial notice of the fact that Jews were gassed to death in Auschwitz in 1944.

Mausner said that was relevant to the defamation allegation, since the IHR and the other defendants might have alleged that Mermelstein was lying about events of the Holocaust.

The jury trial is expected to last about three weeks.

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S. Donald Friedman (left), chairman of the board of Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) with special guest of honor, actor Paul Sorvino at ICRF's 15th annual Scientific Awards Luncheon held recently in New York City. Sorvino was honored by an ICRF fellowship in his name. ICRF awarded $2.1 million to 88 Israeli scientists and doctors for 1991-92.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI
AARON LEVINE

Last Shabbat we announced the approach of Rosh Chodesh Elul. That proclamation should have jolted us back to the recognition that, in a short while, the *Yamim Noraim* — Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — will soon be upon us. An intensive month of *teshuvah*, repentance and self-introspection, is about to arrive.

The summer months are drawing to a close. Sometimes, during these months, we are a little more lax in our daily religious regimen as compared with the rest of the year. Summer is a time for vacations, travel, summer relaxation, and cottage country — a time when concentrated Torah learning and mitzvah observance can often be slightly diminished.

It has been said that when the approaching month of Elul is announced "even the fish in the sea shudder." It seems logical that anyone will immediately abandon his trivial pursuits and will focus his attention on preparing a top-notch legal case in his defence, when he realizes that shortly he will be standing trial for his life on the awesome Days of Judgment. No sincere or permanent returning to God can be accomplished without an adequate period of preparation. This 40-day period is the span of time necessary for man and woman to take spiritual stock of their deeds, and to undergo the various steps and stages of the *teshuvah* process.

After the sin of the Golden Calf, Moses made his third and final ascent of Mount Sinai on Rosh Chodesh Elul. He descended on Yom Kippur bearing both the second set of tablets of the Ten Commandments and the joyous confirmation that God had forgiven the nation of Israel for their grave sin. Ever since, the month of Elul has historically been designated as a special time of Divine grace and favor. Some have compared these 40 days to the 40 days that it takes for a human fetus to form. So, too, we are reforming our souls, fashioning ourselves into new beings.

When we consider the matter we should also realize that it is truly a wonderful blessing that God has ordained for us each year a season for repentance, an opportunity to reflect on our deeds, to set the record straight, and to start afresh. It is much easier to clean a soiled garment periodically rather than once in a very long time when the dirt and grime have become deeply embedded into each fibre of the fabric. Similarly, it is much easier for us to cleanse ourselves of sin when we go through an annual period of introspection and reflection, rather than allowing our sins to accumulate for a few years into a huge pile and then try to wash them away.

Each person has written new chapters in his own book of life during the past year. The book will soon be opened and scrutinized by the Almighty; everything is recorded and each person's signature is there. *Teshuvah* is the magical Divine gift that can erase from the tape of the story of our lives the sound and video portions that contain a record of our unsavory actions of the past year, so that our book reads a little more respectably.

Rabbi Yonah of Gerona writes that the sin of not doing *teshuvah* is worse than the actual sin itself. The sin was committed at a time when one was overcome by his evil inclination, but now one can look back dispassionately and can feel the remorse that should prompt him to want to repent his actions.

This Shabbat is actually Rosh Chodesh Elul. Since the proclamation on last Shabbat, we have had a week to prepare ourselves. When we ponder the magical effect that the days of Elul and the *Yamim Noraim* can have on our entire lives, we cannot help but wonder how long we will be ordained to live. How many opportunities of investing in months of Elul and the Days of Awe will we be fortunate and privileged to have? Some more, some less; some many, some unfortunately only a few.

How preciously we must treasure these days, and how earnestly we must set in motion the wheels for gaining the most from this special period of the year.

(Rabbi Aaron Levine, a full-time writer and lecturer, has authored several books on Jewish law and customs. His most recent book is The New Rosh Hashanah Anthology.)

Iranian Jew finds new life in Israel

NEW YORK —

Almost four years ago, Nejat Balakhane was smuggled out of Iran with his younger brother on the first leg of a harrowing one-week escape to freedom.

That trip, made on the back of a donkey and by bus through Iran and Pakistan, would lead the then 17-year-old, who spoke no English, to an education and life that was closed to him as a Jew in Islamic fundamentalist Iran.

Nejat, now 21, earned a bachelor's degree with honors in biology on May 29 during Yeshiva University's 60th annual commencement exercises. Accepted at a number of medical schools, he plans on a career as a doctor.

"It was very hard for me," recalled Nejat. "I couldn't understand anything. I had to keep looking in the dictionary. Everything took so long but I didn't give up."

Although he and his 15-year-old brother, Eliyahu, joined three other brothers who previously fled Iran, the escape was bittersweet as they left behind parents and two younger sisters.

His mother and sisters, Elizabeth, 6, and Elana, 11, arrived in New York in time to see Nejat graduate. With the Iranian government hinting at loosening ties with the West, Nejat is optimistic authorities will allow his father to leave soon.

"My parents wanted me to come here although they did not want to be separated. It was very tough for them.

Nejat Balakhane

"I came to America because I feared harm," said the former refugee, who believes he would have been forced into the war with Iraq if he had stayed.

He recounted seizures of Jewish-owned property and executions of innocent people for being "Zionists" by Iranian authorities as examples of the persecution to which Jews are subjected.

The brothers' journey began in Teheran from where they were to meet smugglers leading a group out of Iran.

"There were no tickets for our plane so we had to take a bus, but we couldn't get the right bus so we had to take one that went to a city six hours away," said Nejat. "By then we had only 24 hours to get to the other city and we were praying we would make it. We got lucky."

Recalling the arduous trek, Nejat added, "I almost didn't sleep for three or four days. There was little water and the weather was so hot you couldn't eat anything."

Nejat said that one morning when the smugglers stopped, he was so tired he slipped off the donkey and fell asleep on the stones below. Unable to be awakened several hours later, he was thrown across the animal and the group continued their journey.

On another particularly hot day, the escapees hid for hours in the bushes as Iranian helicopters circled overhead.

When the group finally crossed the border into Pakistan, members were taken to a village where they were given food and water and allowed to sleep an entire night for the first time.

The next day they were taken through the mountains by van to an insect-infested motel in the capital of Karachi.

Nejat and his brother stayed in Pakistan 40 days until travel documents were put in order. From there they flew to a transit point in Vienna where they waited six months to go to the United States. While in Austria, they received instruction in Hebrew and English from representatives of American Jewish agencies.

After a two-month stay at the Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore and attending summer English classes in New York, Nejat enrolled in Yeshiva College as had his older brother, Moussa, who graduated in 1983. Eliyahu is now a junior at Yeshiva College.

Nejat has also been able to strengthen his ties to Judaism since coming to America. Concurrently enrolled in the school of general Jewish studies, he received an award for excellence in Jewish studies from the school.

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Organizations and People

Singles flock to Lipa Green for Tu B'Av barbeque bash

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Over 600 singles descended on the fields behind the Lipa Green Building recently for the third annual Tu B'Av barbeque bash.

In Temple times, so the Talmud says, on Tu B'Av, the 15th of Av, unmarried girls would dress in simple white clothes and dance in the fields.

The single men watching would, according to tradition, pick their wives from among the dancers.

In order to avoid potential embarrassment, the tradition was for every woman to borrow someone else's dress, so that one could not tell if the dancer was rich or poor, prominent or humble.

An excited Reva Sober, event chairman, said that Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, the sponsoring body along with the Jewish Community Centre, sent invitations to small communities, so there would be as wide a population in attendance as possible.

That goal seems to have been attained, with people there in their 20s and 50s, dressed in shorts and tank tops, casual wear and smart outfits, wearing kippot or very obviously not traditional.

A welcome, although unusual finding for singles events, was that there were about equal numbers of men and women.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, vegeburgers, salads and pop were plentiful, all eaten to taped contemporary, Hebrew and "golden oldie" music.

The Mechol HaGil dancers, led by Dori Levine and Eyal Anteby, gave a demonstration of Israeli folk dancing.

Afterwards, they encouraged onlookers to join in, which many did, after fervent protestations of "who, me?" or "I'll dance over my dead body."

Kosher cake

Later in the evening, a two feet by four feet Food City kosher bakery cake, white, decorated with white icing and purple grapes and green leaves (all in frosting) was cut by Sober and her committee, then by staffer Eti Young.

Young said that the dancing, Israeli followed by contemporary, lasted well into midnight.

"Even after the disc jockey left, people were mingling around."

Door prizes included a weekend for two at the Inn on the Park, tickets for Leah Posluns Theatre, gift certificates for the Camp Connection and the JCC health club, Blue Jay tickets, and an entertainment book from National Council of Jewish Women.

The event is part of CJC Ontario region's mandate to combat assimilation and intermarriage in the Jewish community, Sober explained.

"At our event, we are creating an environment conducive for singles to meet and mingle in a congenial setting."

Members of the Jewish Singles Festival Committee gather around the two-by-four feet Tu B'Av cake during the Bar-B-Que Bash sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. From left are: Greg Tugg; Bob Natanson; Julie Ramelson; Reva Sober (chairman); and Steven Benlolo.

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New immigrants at Ulpan Etzion in Jerusalem have their Hebrew lesson out on the grass. [WZPS photo]

Israel Aliya Centre helps makes transition to new life

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

There's a right way and a wrong way to do everything. For anyone contemplating a move to Israel, the Aliya Centre will help you make aliya the right way.

"We're here to help people," said Tamar Meroz, shlicha (emissary) at the Toronto Israel Aliya Centre. "We have many programs and facilities that can prepare people for a successful aliya." She suggests that people contact the centre at least six months to a year before they want to make aliya.

Through the aliya centre, Meroz arranges "pilot trips" to Israel where potential olim can get first-hand information and meet with people who might be able to offer them jobs. There are also short-term programs which offer a taste of life in Israel.

For those who are ready to make a permanent move, shlichim like Meroz offer advice on a myriad of subjects, such as what to take and what not to take — in many cases saving people untold headaches and up to tens of thousands of dollars.

If someone is just contemplating a move to Israel, Meroz encourages him or her to make an appointment at the Israel Aliya Centre to find out more. There is no pressure to make aliya and no implied commitment, she said, even if they go through the whole process (of pre-aliya visits to Israel). "People don't have to make aliya if they come here."

Meroz's calendar is filled with almost a dozen one-hour appointments per day that potential olim have booked.

When people call for an appointment with Meroz (or with her counterpart in another city), they can be confident that they will be dealing with a well-informed, helpful person.

Every year the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem advertises for people who would like to be shlichim, explained Meroz.

About 800 candidates apply — among them lawyers, social workers and former high-ranking army officers. (Meroz herself is a journalist.) The candidates must undergo an English language proficiency test and a two and a half day battery of psychological tests to determine their suitability.

Only about a dozen are chosen to be trained as shlichim. Training consists of an intensive two-month, six-day-a-week course in Jerusalem, to learn, among other things, about the rules and regulations which apply to new olim.

In addition to lectures, there are meetings with people who have made aliya to find out how they were treated and what type of problems they encountered. Trainees also practice role-playing in "extremely difficult situations," then watch themselves on closed-circuit television to gain the experience and expertise necessary for their postings.

At the end of the two months, perhaps half of the original number will graduate. Some drop out, deciding that being a shaliach isn't for them after all; others are asked to leave if it becomes apparent that they are not shaliach material, for example, if they don't work well with others.

Meroz has binders full of regulations, ranging from new laws concerning immigrating dental technicians to information about health insurance for retirees and free storage for shipments of olim's possessions.

In contrast to all the facts and figures Meroz has at her fingertips is the box of tissues she keeps in a top desk drawer. This is her third stint as a shlicha (she was previously in Los Angeles and Chicago), and she is prepared for the tears that some people shed as they tell her their individual stories and histories.

Meroz wants people to know that everything that is said in her office is "extremely confidential and discreet." The identity of those who seek information from her is also confidential. Some people may not want co-workers to know that they are considering aliya, Meroz explained.

"It's a very emotional process," said Meroz. "We go hand-in-hand with them during one of the most important decisions of their life." Most olim who go through the entire process have three or four sessions with her before they leave the country. Everything is done on a very individual basis, said Meroz.

"To get letters from people who have made successful aliya — that is the biggest satisfaction. Knowing that we helped a human being on a very personal and even emotional level."

There are Israel Aliya Centre offices around the world. The three Canadian offices are: Toronto (416) 633-4766; Vancouver (604) 266-5333; Montreal (514) 486-9526.

Marva provides taste of army life

TORONTO —

Tamar Meroz has seen it happen more than once. The Toronto-based Israel Aliya Centre shlicha says that young Diaspora Jews sometimes end up in the Israeli Defence Forces without knowing what they're getting into.

Young men and women often have a "romantic concept" about going to Israel and joining the army, she said. Perhaps they've just seen an emotion-stirring movie like Exodus, or maybe they've been inspired by the Gulf War.

The mistake they sometimes make, which Meroz wants to prevent, is to become an Israeli citizen immediately and join the army on the spot. Once that happens, there is no turning back. Meroz was able to intervene and have a deferement granted in one case where a young man changed his mind, but there are no guarantees she could do the same thing again.

"We [at the Israel Aliya Centre] recommend going to Israel under a temporary resident status," said Meroz. "This is aliya. You get all the rights and benefits of other olim, but with three differences: you don't get an Israeli passport, you can't vote, and you don't have to serve in the army." As a temporary resident, you have three years to decide whether you want to become a citizen.

To find out what the Israeli army is all about, Meroz highly recommends Marva, a three-month army training program for young Jewish men and women age 18 to 28. There is no cost for the program, and a modest monthly stipend is provided.

Participants must have a basic knowledge of Hebrew. The program has six to eight different levels of Hebrew classes.

Marva participants also undergo introductory paramilitary training, including physical training and ammunition exercises, in addition to learning about Israel and its people through lectures, excursions and films.

Conditions in Marva are such that "you lose your romantic concept," said Meroz. The day begins at 5 a.m. The Marva participants she saw on a recent visit to Israel were covered with dust, had been marching 10 hours a day, and hadn't had enough sleep. Nonetheless, Meroz reports that they were "so happy that it's unbelievable."

After the three months of Marva, they know what the army is about. If they still want to enlist, their time in Marva is applied as part of their required army service. And if they don't want to join the army, said Meroz, then they've had a wonderful experience.

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There is also a "Mini-Marva" program, which offers a 10-day taste of army life. For more information about Marva or Mini-Marva, contact the Israel Aliya Centre, 633-4766.

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Philatelic exhibit held at library

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — The annual philatelic exhibition of the Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) took place recently at the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library.

The members of CAFIP presented collections which included Israeli stamps, Judaica on postcards, the Holocaust, the Middle East conflict and other related Judaica collectibles.

"This exhibit was an opportunity for people who have had narrow interests or knowledge on the subject of Israeli and Judaic philately to learn just how much and how many topics are related to this area," said Alvin Dickstein, the president of CAFIP."

The exhibit also included the history of Zionism through Jewish National Fund stamps and labels, anti-Israel propaganda in stamps and Israeli philatelic errors.

In 1952, seven stamp collectors formed CAFIP. They met in each other's homes and soon the organization began to grow. As the group expanded, they moved to the auditorium of the Jewish Public Library. The meetings were devoted to discussions and lectures of philatelic interest. Today, there are close to 50 members.

Meetings for members and guests take place on the second Monday from September through June; they are currently being held at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation at 470 Glencairn Ave., in North York.

"The purpose of the society," says Dickstein, "is to promote the study of, and research into, the postage stamps and postal history of Israel, encompassing the Middle East countries, fostering this knowledge not only among its own members but to all clubs and organizations."

Dickstein, who is a financial consultant and vice-president of Wood Gundy Inc., says he began collecting Israeli stamps in 1975 when he was visiting Israel and his special interest is Jewish National Fund stamps.

"A whole new world of Judaica through stamps, has been brought to my attention," says Dickstein.

"The history of Zionism — the aliyas, the histories and events since Herzl's dream of a Jewish state — are depicted in stamps." He adds that these are valuable historical documents and include themes such as anti-Semitic attitudes and the Jewish martyrs.

He explains that it is not a question of buying all the stamps available but picking a particular topic of interest. You don't have to be wealthy — you just have to be interested.

"As a matter of fact, to join the club you don't have to be a collector but you will probably develop interest in several topics and begin collecting on your own."

At the June meeting of CAFIP, the following members were elected for a two-year term: Dickstein, president; Hartley Garshowitz, vice-president and program chairman; Joseph Barkovits, secretary-treasurer and membership; Clifford Fielder, youth coordinator; and Harold Alter, Judaica chairman.

For more information on the Canadian Association for Israel Philately, please call Alvin Dickstein at (416) 594-8919 or Hartley Garshowitz at (416) 665-3555.

Alvin Dickstein (right) and Cayle Chernin (centre) are shown Hartley Garshowitz's astonishing colleciton of anti-Semitism in stamps.

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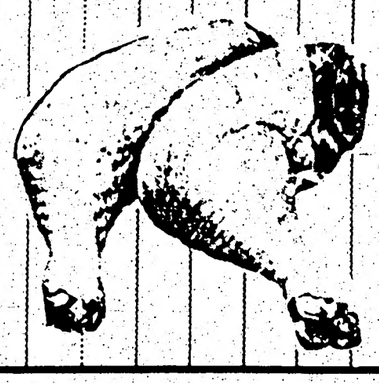
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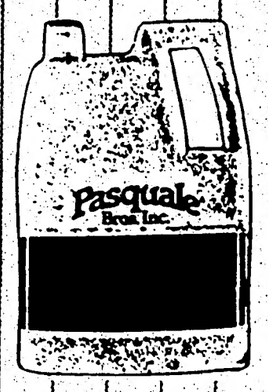

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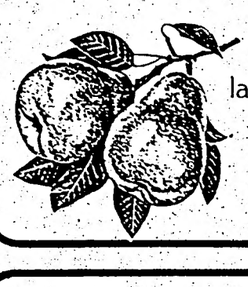
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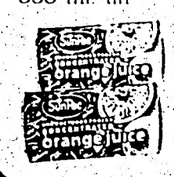
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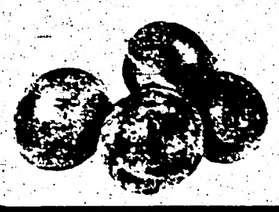
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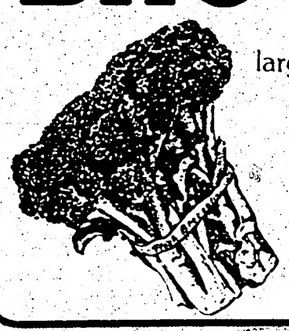
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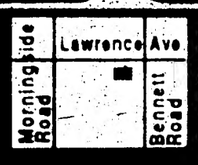

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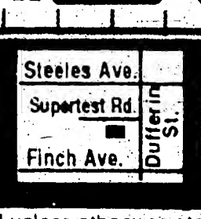

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Aug. 8, is deadline for Aug. 22 issue and Thursday, Aug. 15, is deadline for Aug. 29 issue.)

Please note that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. Hope to hear from you. The number is 422-2331.

Friday, Aug. 9

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

On Friday, Aug. 9, concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will be performing in a happy musical hour at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd. Her program will include popular, semi-classical and dancing music.

The time is 2-3 p.m.

Julitta Burns

Sunday, Aug. 11

JERUSALEM DANCERS

The Jerusalem Dancers, with a repertoire of distinct folk dancing styles representing the variety of Israeli cultures and lifestyles, and the Ne'imot Singers, who feature Israeli, Hebrew and Ladino songs, will be coming together in a collaboration of sight and sound at the 1991 WOMAD Festival at Harbourfront on Sunday, August 11

The time is 1 p.m. at the Ann Tindal Stage.

Monday, Aug. 12

NIGHT OF THE MURDERED POETS

Night of the Murdered Poets, the 39th commemoration of the execution of Soviet Jewish writers and artists, will take place Monday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Guest speakers will include **Judge Philip Givens**, national chairman, Committee for Yiddish, recently returned from the Soviet Union, where he attended the World Assembly on Yiddish, and **Gerry Kane**, chairman, Toronto Committee for Yiddish, who will speak on the works of the Soviet Jewish writers.

Guest artist will be **Ethel Kovenska**, star of the Habima Theatre in Israel, accompanied by composer **Lev Kogan**.

The event is sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (Toronto Jewish Congress), and Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, Canadian Jewish Congress.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

BB LODGE LA FRATERNITE

B'nai Brith Lodge La Fraternite's monthly meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m. at 15 Hove St. The discussion, in French, will focus on Morocco of Today.

For more information, call 255-6086.

TWILIGHT CONCERT

The public is invited to a Twilight Concert featuring the Wagman Centre Heritage Players, produced and directed by **Nathan Garnick**, and **Nathan Rosen** at the piano.

The concert, which will include a **Sholom Aleichem** musical revue, will take place Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

ISRAELI SCOUTS CARAVAN

The Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan will be performing at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St., on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The Friendship Caravan consists of 10 Israeli teenagers, who tell through song and dance what is beautiful about Israel. The one-hour show is now in its 18th season.

Hundreds of candidates, all leaders in Israeli Scouts, compete to qualify for this mission every year. During the summer they travel to communities and summer camps from coast to coast.

This event is sponsored by the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting and the Jewish Community Centre.

OVERBROOK CULTURAL CLUB

The Overbrook Cultural Club is presenting registered nurse **Nancy Rodger** of North York Public Health Department, who will speak on Healthy Lifestyle, emphasizing nutrition and fitness.

The date is Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Place, Suite 107, Downsview (Wilmington and Overbrook). Refreshments will follow. There is no charge for members. Non-members charge is $1.

For further information, contact **Millie Herzog** at 221-7207.

SKYLIGHT THEATRE

On Wednesday, Aug. 14, Skylight Theatre is presenting Billy Bishop Goes to War, a hit musical play about Canada's First World War flying ace.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. at the Barry Zuckerman Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park. Admission is free.

Thursday, Aug. 15

LIBRRARY FILMS

Three films will be screened on Thursday, Aug. 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W. The films are Ready and..., A Natural Turn of Events, and A Tale of Twin Cities.

Admission is free and refreshments are served.

And What Else Is New...

THE JEWISH WEDDING

The Jewish Wedding: An Exhibition of Ritual Art premieres at the Koffler Gallery on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m.

Artists were invited to create their own versions of three ritual objects associated with the Jewish wedding ceremony — the chuppah, the kibbush cup and the ketuba.

The range of work includes a chuppah produced as a group effort by the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework and one by **Sybil Rampen**; a traditional wheel-thrown kiddush cup by **Annette Zakuta**; freeblown glass objects by husband and wife team **John Kepkiewicz** and **Heather Wood** and glass artist **Clark Guettel** and a green gold goblet by **Lois Etherington Betteridge**, as well as a ketuba by **Philip Cohen.**

In all, 35 craftmen from across Ontario are included in the exhibition (⅓ by jury, ⅔ by invitation). The exhibition continues to Oct. 8.

U.S. POWER AFTER THE IRAQ WAR

Forest Hill Place Retirement Residence's lecture series on The New World System: International Relations with **Morton Manilla**, well-known lecturer and teacher of world history and politics, continues on Friday, Aug. 16, with U.S. Power After the Iraq War: Tripolar Rivalry.

The time is 2 p.m. at 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free. Limited space is available and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene** or **Amie** at 785-1511.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation is now selling High Holiday tickets. Services will be held in the congregation's air-conditioned hall at 12 Heaton St.

To reserve, call the synagogue office at 636-6665.

A NEW BOOK IN YIDDISH

A new book in Yiddish has just been published in Toronto. Titled *Tzvishin Tzvei Velt Milchomos* (Between the Two World Wars), it is a description of Jewish life in Bessarabia, Romania, and Russia during the years 1910-1940.

Ariel Koprov

The large print, illustrated, 230-page book is by well-known writer **Ariel Koprov**. The price is $15 Canadian, $12 U.S., plus mailing costs.

Or order books, write to Ariel Koprov, 6030 Bathurst St., Suite 1604, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 1Z9. His phone number is 663-1325.

NORTH YORK SYMPHONY TO MOVE

The North York Symphony is taking up residence at the Leah Posluns Theatre this September, after 20 years of performing at Minkler Auditorium.

The orchestra will perform 11 concerts in the 1991/92 season. Music director is **Kerry Stratton** and concertmaster is **Morry Kernerman**, retired assistant concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony. The opening concert is Sept. 28.

A fund raising House Warming Party will be held at the theatre Sept. 26, featuring a reception, mini-concert and post-concert party. Tickets are $50 and are available through the symphony office at 499-2204. Tax receipts will be issued.

Two subscription series are planned — an evening series and a Sunday afternoon series. For ticket information, call the above number.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT

Depression Support and Mutual Aid group meets weekly at a central Toronto location for people experiencing or recovering from depression.

Help yourself by joining others who share your problem. Contact **Roslyn** at 789-7957.

JEWISH PEN PALS

For people who want to get in touch with other people who have similar interests, there is a club of pen friends. It is called International Jewish Correspondence (IJC). Founded and operated by **Barry Simon**, the club has over 5,000 members from all over the world, their ages ranging from five to 80.

Letters come to IJC at Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Dr. Penfield Ave., Montreal, Que., H3G 1C5, where Simon picks up the mail. There is no fee for membership, just the price of the stamp. Congress covers the minor expenses, copies forms and and collects the mail. Simon volunteers his time.

A detailed singles registration form is available. For further information and for a registration form, write to IJC at Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal at the above address.

CERTIFICATE

Arnold Recht, president of the Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Technion Society, presents Helen Reich with a certificate marking the establishment of the Naftuli (Nat) Reich Student Aid Fund at Technion-Israel Institue of Technology. The presentation took place at a dinner reception held at the Park Plaza Hotel recently.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Reform Congregation will have services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, conducted by **Rabbi Jerry Steinberg**.

For further information and tickets, call 789-5131, ext. 2281.

LOVING CARE DAYCARE CENTRE

Loving Care Daycare Centre is offering new half-day programs — a morning 4-year-old preschool program from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and an afternoon 5-year-old kindergarten program from 1-6 p.m., lunch included.

The school operates at 80 Yorkhill Blvd., Thornhill (Eitz Chaim building). For information, call 764-6663.

WARRIORS DAY PARADE

General Wingate Branch, Royal Ontario Legion, will be participating in the Warriors Day parade at Canadian National Exhibition on Aug. 17. Fall in at 9 a.m. at Fort York Armories (in front of Princess Gate).

All Jewish war veterans are welcome. Wear your medals.

MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Pride of Israel has a mixed 5-pin bowling league which will meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. at York Bowl (Wilson and Dufferin), starting after Labor Day.

If you are interested, call **Ethel Shiman** at 665-2380.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted for a craft show being held at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call 889-9444 for information.

LIVING IN NORTH YORK

Proving once more that North York is a great city in which to live, work and play, the 1991/92 edition of Living in North York tells residents all about their city.

The 272-page book is a comprehensive guide to services and activities available to North York residents. It is being distributed, free of charge, between Aug. 5 and 19. Residents who do not receive a book by Aug. 20 and those living in apartment buildings and condominiums which restrict deliveries, should contact the City of North York Public Information Office at 224-6086.

UJA WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN

Yona Goldberg (centre), chairman, U.S. National UJA women's Division Board, spoke recently to more than 70 leading contributors of the UJA Women's Campaign at a dessert luncheon at the home of Malka Green. Goldberg recounted her personal experience of greeting a planeload of Ethiopians arriving in Israel during Operation Solomon. At the time she was participating in a UJA Leadership Mission to Eastern Europe and Israel. Pictured with her are Roz Davidson (left), 1992 UJA Women's Campaign chairman, and Malka Green. [Graphic Artists photo]

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch Senior Adult Services is offering a Coping With Stress Workshop, a four-week program that will teach you techniques to help you learn

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to relax and cope with everyday stress. The teacher is **Sandra Fujino**, public health nurse, City of North York Public Health Department. Sessions will run on Thursdays, Sept. 5-26, from 1-2:30 p.m. in Room 202-203 at the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. Come in loose and comfortable clothing in order to practice the techniques. This program is presented in co-operation with the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Registration is limited to 15 people. Register at the front desk at the JCC. For further information, contact **Teme** or **Bonnie** at 636-1880

Space is available at the North Y Branch nursery school and daycare for three to five-year-olds, both half and full day programs, commencing in September. For more information, call 631-5651.

Limited space is also available for Tic Tac Twos, a parent participatory program for children who will be two by December 1991, at the North Y Branch beginning in October. The newly revised program includes arts and crafts, music, gym, Shabbat and holiday celebrations. For information, call **Bibi Golberg** at 636-1880, ext. 250.

The JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave., is holding a Singles Under the Roof dance on Thursday, Aug. 8, from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be a deejay, barbecue and cash bar. The cost is $10. Call **Maureen McIlveen** at 924-6211.

The Bloor Y Twentysomething Uptowners Downtowners Club next function is a brunch and play on Sunday, Aug. 18, at 11:30 a.m. Meet at the Bloor Y. The cost is $20 and reservations and payment must be made in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

The JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The charge is $3 per session. For more information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

The JCC North/East Valley Singles Connection (35-50) is holding a dance on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. The cost of $8 includes deejay, dancing, light refreshments and cash bar. Call **Nurit** at above number.

Singles Connection softball group meets every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. behind the tennis courts at the North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Bring your own equipment. Call **Nurit** at 889-0813 for information.

Singles Connection invites you to take a walk on the wild side. Come to the main entrance of the Inn on the Park every Sunday at 11 a.m. to walk through Sunnybrook Park. Ask for **Marlene**. For information, contact **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

for seniors

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — A twighlight concert, A Sholom Aleichem Musical Revue, featuring the Wagman Centre Heritage Players, produced and directed by **Nathan Garnick** with **Nathan Rosen** at the piano, is being held Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the Centre grounds...Jewish Ethics and Philosophy Rabbi's Lecture Series continues on Wednesday, Aug. 14, with **Rabbi Nachum Berlat** of Baycrest Centre discussing I Wish I Hadn't Said That. The time is 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge...A concert is arranged on Sunday, Aug. 11, in the Common Room from 1:30-2:30 p.m. For information, phone the Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2267.

Earl Bales Senior's Club upcoming events include a Saturday night dance on Aug. 10 in the clubhouse from 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); a barbecue party for members only on Sunday, Aug. 11 (cost $4); a Niagara Falls day trip for members only on Tuesday, Aug. 27, departing 9 a.m. from the centre with a picnic lunch (bring or buy your own lunch, coffee and ice cream free), a visit to Oneida Silverware and Maple Leaf Village (cost $16)...Ongoing activities continue. For information, call 636-7856.

LZA Seniors Club next regular luncheon meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Registration for the winter Miami trips will be taken at that time and an announcment will be made regarding the visit to Harbourfront to hear the JCC Singers on Wednesday, Aug. 14, as well as plans for the forthcoming Simchat Torah dance to be held Tuesday, Oct. 1...Some seats are still available for the Welland Canal cruise on Wednesday, Aug. 28, which includes dinner in Niagara Falls and a visit to a winery...The Cultural Group meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. All members are invited.

The JCC Bloor Y Good Age Club has arranged two trips for August — a boat cruise on Thursday, Aug. 8. (meet at 12:45 p.m. at Harbourfront Queen's Quay Terminal, cost is $3.50), and a visit to the Susan Rubes Theatre, 165 Front St. E., on Thursday, Aug. 22 to see the musical Closer Than Ever (meet at the theatre at 2:15 p.m., cost is $12 with reservation and payment made in advance). Call **Luni** at 924-6211 about these two events.

George Brown College is offering several daytime courses of interest to seniors. Courses are presented at the College's campus locations and in cooperation with the Toronto City Library at library locations. Fee is $12 per course for seniors. For details, call 944-4522 or 944-4526.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 Plus meets on Tuesday, Aug. 13, when **Batya Eisen** will show a video on Volunteering in Israel. Also several volunteers will give a first-hand description of their experiences in Israel. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The charge is $2 members, $3 non-members. For information, contact **Dr. Clarence Rosenhek** at 764-1942.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has arranged a cruise to the Thousand Islands on Wednesday, Aug. 28, and a super trip to Israel is set for Nov. 13-Dec. 4. For information about these trips and all other activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Club Chaverim meets for cards and bingo on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 p.m. at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. Call **Nurit** at 889-0813 for information.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

A summer program for seniors continues on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North York Community House, 3101 Bathurst St., through August. For information, call 784-0920.

The Summer Hitchcock Film Festival, a summer program for seniors taking place at Wychwood Library, is featuring the movie Vertigo with **James Stewart** and **Kim Novak** on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 2 p.m. The library is located at 1431 Bathurst St. (one block south of St. Clair). For information, call 393-7683.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A public affairs forum on the topic Free Trade With Mexico — How Will It Affect Canada? is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Guest panelists will be **Carlos Sada**, consul general of Mexico; **Chris Schenk**, research director, Ontario Federation of Labour; **Daniel Schwanen**, senior policy analyst, C.D. Howe Institute, and **Jim Peterson**, MP. This forum is free and open to the community.

A dance with the music of the Creative Band takes place Sunday, Aug. 11, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. The charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

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Check
The What's New
column weekly for upcoming events

COMMON GROUND SEMINAR

A special introductory presentation of Aish HaTorah's Common Ground Seminar was presented to members of the Jewish community at the Lipa Green Building recently. Hosted by Drs. Ralph and Gerald Halbert, and by Jack Rose, in co-operation with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, this innovative seminar builds understanding of Israel's position on the Arab-Israel conflict. Among the participants are (from left) Laura Rosen, Michael Halbert, and University of Toronto chancellor Rose Wolfe. [Zephyr Studios photo]

SIDDUR CEREMONY

United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus, Grade 1 students recently celebrated their Siddur ceremony. From left are Nicole West, Mitchel Kerbel, Jaclyn Pearl.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Ed and Anne Mirvish, the Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem set up a scholarship in their honor. The recipient will be a newcomer from Russia studying at the College of Applied Engineering on the Boys Town campus. Presenting the commemorative plaque is Albert Mandel (right) Mrs. Mirvish is the honoree of the Tribute Dinner to be held by the Canadian Friends Oct. 8 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel. Proceeds will be directed to enrichment programs at the Anne Mirvish Cultural Centre.

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Organizations and People

CJC objects to public funding for Christian school

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A Christian school in Southern Ontario continues to receive full government financial support that has been denied Jewish schools, Canadian Jewish Congress charged last week.

While students at Eden Christian College have their education completely underwritten by public funds, the government of Ontario continues to deny similar treatment to Jewish schools, Congress spokesmen stated.

Murray Segal, chairman of a Congress committee which lobbies for public funding, said the school's 1991-92 student handbook makes it clear that Eden Christian College is a religious school whose curriculum is based on the Bible. Yet it operates under the aegis of the Lincoln County Board of Education and is funded through taxpayer's dollars.

When the Associated Hebrew Academy of Toronto attempted a similar arrangement with the North York Board of Education in 1978, the government of Ontario took the case to court and the Supreme Court of Ontario ruled the arrangement contrary to existing legislation, Segal said.

Congress does not oppose Eden schools receiving public funding, but Jewish and other religious schools should also receive the same benefit, he added.

Under Ontario law, only public and Roman Catholic schools are entitled to full government financial support. But Congress has revealed in recent weeks that a private school operated by the University of Toronto also received some public financing, as does the Lincoln County school.

That situation is morally outrageous and hypocritical, Segal has charged.

According to the school's student handbook, ownership of Eden Christian College was assumed in 1948 by the Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Ontario.

"In 1988 the school became an alternative school within the Lincoln Board of Education...The purpose of this relationship, unique in Ontario, is to make a broader offering of Christian education readily accessible to a greater number of students as an alternative within public education," the handbook states.

The school describes its objectives as "provid(ing) a unique education program which is based upon the authority of the Bible" and "to develop a philosophy of life which displays a sincere dedication to a life in Christ."

Keith Baird, a policy assistant for the Minister of Education, said the ministry had been told that the handbook had been updated to make it conform to Education Act regulations.

He said it is not possible, under those regulations to operate a school whose goals are to instill a Christian heritage and whose name indicates it is a Christian school.

Such a school would no longer be eligible for public funds, he said, adding the ministry expects that the operations of the school would be brought within the regulations. The ministry won't know that until the school year begins in September, he said.

Garry Holmes, director of education for the Lincoln County board, told The CJN that the 1991-92 handbook contains a disclaimer sheet, indicating changes had been made to it to conform to ministry regulations.

He said religious classes will be held before and after the school day and will be paid for by a Mennonite religious group.

The board's advisory committee is also considering changing the name of the school to omit the word "Christian," he added.

Dr. John Vriend, an education professor who is studying Eden school, said his research of board minutes and advisory committee reports did not turn up an example of the addendum, though he had "heard about it."

He said that from his reading of the current student handbook, the goals of both the religious classes and the school in general are to instill a specifically Christian character to the education program.

About People

CANADA VOLUNTEER AWARD

Zelda Harris has made her interest in self-help and mutual aid her life-long voluntary commitment. She has spearheaded the creation of numerous self-help groups beginning in 1959 with the Montreal Parents of Twins Club.

Zelda Harris

She introduced a course of Self-Help/Mutual Aid at McGill University School of Social Work where she taught from 1970-84. She also helped organize the Mutual Aid Centre in Montreal.

Upon moving to Toronto in 1986, Harris immediately joined the Self-Help Clearing House of Metropolitan Toronto and is presently a board member.

Harris was among the 25 recipients of the Canada Volunteer Award, which was established by Health and Welfare Canada to recognize and encourage those Canadians who have made outstanding voluntary contributions toward improving the health and social well-being of their fellow citizens. The awards were presented in Ottawa earlier this summer.

SYNAGOGUE OFFICERS

At Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's recent installation dinner and dance, the following were installed as officers for the 1991/92 year — **Larry Ross**, synagogue board president; **Gord Garshowitz**, first vice-president; **Marvin Gold**, second vice-president; **Dr. Eric Goldberg**, treasurer; **Margo Grosbein**, secretary; **Marvin Fox**, immediate past president; **Sheldon Berg**, Brotherhood president; **Linda Gotlieb**, Sisterhood president, and **Sally Zigler** and **Lynn Cutler**, Chavura presidents.

As well, members of all boards were installed.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Annette Perl, 20, was sponsored by Friends of Yiddish of Toronto to attend the Summer Internship Program at the National Yiddish Book Centre in Amherst, Mass. The internship involves such activities as sorting and shelving Yiddish books at the centre, learning Yiddish, and assisting at the centre's one-week Summer Institute.

Annette Perl

Annette, a child of Holocaust survivors, already had a familiarity and sympathy for Yiddish. She was a participant in the March of the Living where she said, "The Yiddish of my childhood afforded me the honor of speaking to the pitifully small congregation of Jews and their great rabbi, all survivors of Nazi tyranny."

Next year, Annette plans to study at the Hebrew University in Israel. She has been appointed to the staff of the Yiddish Book Centre of Jerusalem, a new developing branch of the National Yiddish Book Centre.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

The Bloor Y Branch of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto (750 Spadina Avenue). Join Twentysomething (24-35) Downtowners Club for **Brunch and the Theatre** on Sunday, August 18th at 11:30a.m. Cost $20.00. Reservations and payments must be made by Wednesday, August 14th. Call Luni at 924-6211 for more information. 6131

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Ben-Natan new president of Canadian studies group

TORONTO

At the annual meeting of the International Council of Canadian Studies held recently in Montebello near Ottawa, Daniel Ben-Natan of Israel was voted in as president-elect.

The International Council of Canadian Studies is composed of national and multinational associations of Canadian studies in Canada, China, Australia and New Zealand, France, German-speaking countries, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Japan, Scandinavian countries, Spain, the Soviet Union, United Kingdom and the United States.

The council, in secret ballot, chose from among three candidates (Canadian, Dutch and Israeli) for the first time in its history an Israeli to the highest position in the council.

Winnipeg native Daniel Ben-Natan, director of the Division for Development and Public Relations of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is the director of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies since its establishment some six years ago and director of the Programme of Canadian Studies of the Hebrew University.

The council will hold its next annual meeting in Jerusalem in May, 1992.

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Howard Hughes $1 Million Group Award recipients from the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital are (from left) Tony Pawson, Alan Bernstein, Janet Tossant and Alex Joyner.

Mount Sinai scientists receive top designation

TORONTO —

The international status of the 6-year-old Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute has again been illustrated with the announcement that a group of four Mount Sinai scientists have received a $1 million grant and the designation of International Research Scholars from the highly respected Howard Hughes Medical Institute, based in Bethesda, Md.

This is the least of several honors bestowed upon Drs. Alan Bernstein (also associate director of the research institute), Alex Joyner, Janet Rossant and Tony Pawson by their peers. All are scientists within the Institute's Division of Molecular and Developmental Biology and are professors in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

The Mount Sinai group's efforts, considered to be at the forefront of worldwide research, focuses on understanding the genetic and biochemical basis of embryological development in mammals and the molecular basis of a variety of important human diseases, including cancer, heart disease and inherited genetic disorders.

Their work involves a combination of the latest techniques in genetics, molecular and cell biology and protein biochemistry, and is ultimately geared towards identifying and understanding the genes which control both normal development and disease processes.

The Howard Hughes Institute announced a total of 21 awards to Canadian and Mexican biomedical scientists. Of the 11 awards made to Canadian institutions, Mount Sinai Hospital was distinguished by four of its scientists collecting a group award. The two sole female recipients selected in Canada are also Mount Sinai scientists.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute strayed from its practice of single awards because of "the obvious synergy and successful collaboration which has so successfully intertwined the Mount Sinai group's research endeavors."

Of the seven other Canadian International Research Scholar awards, three are going to Toronto researchers: Dr. Jack Greenblatt, Banting and Best Institute; and Drs. Sergio Grinstein and Lap-Chee Tsui, Hospital for Sick Children.

Baycrest introduces respite care program

TORONTO —

Taking care of a relative with cognitive impairment — often due to stroke or Alzheimer's disease — is a difficult task, and occasionally caregivers may need a break from the physical and psychological demands.

A new respite care program at Bayerest Centre for Geriatric Care has been designed to provide this temporary relief.

"Placement may be arranged on a planned basis for periods of one to four weeks," says John Gross, an administrator at Baycrest Hospital, where two beds have been designated for respite care in the Behavioural Neurology Unit.

Applicants must be adults, age 55 and over, with medically certified cognitive impairment, who are currently supported by caregivers in the community. They must be in stable medical condition and will return to their residence after the respite stay.

Clients accepted into the respite progam will be accommodated in private rooms for a daily fee of $77 which covers accommodation, meals and personal care costs. They will receive specialized care from Baycrest's Behavioural Neurology team, including full nursing, medical and social work services. Fees may be adjusted according to ability to pay.

This is just the first phase of Baycrest's planned respite care program, says Gross. "We plan to expand the program to accept more clients, including those with conditions other than cognitive impairment," he explains. "We hope that by providing relief to caregivers, we can prevent or delay the institutional placement of older adults now living in the community."

To apply for the Frank and Vilma Martin Respite Care Program, call Baycrest Centre's Admissions office at 789-5131 ext. 2300. As space is limited, families are encouraged to apply well in advance of the intended respite period.

U of T prof teaches in Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Dr. Howard Irving, "an outstanding professor and scholar" at the faculty of social work at the University of Toronto, where he received a doctorate in social work in 1970, accepted an invitation to be a visiting professor at the Hebrew University.

Carol Seidman, assistant to the dean at the faculty says that "at a time when Jews in North America were cancelling trips to Israel, Dr. Irving, his wife Fahla Granovsky and their twin eight-year-old sons, left on a sabbatical."

Awarded a fellowship in the Hebrew University's Canadian studies program, Irving is presently giving a course on family mediation to social work and law students at the Mount Scopus campus. As well as teaching, he is also engaged in a research project comparing Canadian and Israeli programs in family dispute resolution.

Albert Rose, professor emeritus of the faculty of social work, in recommending Irving for the fellowship noted, "Prof. Irving is an exemplary candidate and representative of the best in teaching, interdisciplinary innovation and effort in the applied social sciences in Canada."

Howard Irving

A pioneer in the field of family mediation, Irving authored the first book in Canada on family mediation at the U of T. The author of numerous articles and books, the well-known speaker, writer and teacher, is a past president of a Family Mediation Canada.

The director of the doctoral program at the faculty and co-director of the joint law and social work program, said the main focus of his work is trying to work out a parenting plan "once people have decided to separate, that would be in the best interest of the children."

He comments that children often become "the pawns or victims" in the battle that is going on regarding the separation. "Mediation is a method of dispute resolution. The goal is to get the parents involved in the decision-making process of their children instead of fighting it out in court which becomes difficult for all the parties.

Shared parenting

"Mediation stresses cooperation, not competition." He adds that each situation is unique — where shared parenting may be indicated for some families, it could be contra-indicated for others — depending on the circumstances."

In Israel, he says, they have parallel systems of family law with the religious approach (the Beth Din) and the civil court. "What seems to be happening is the religious courts, according to reports, have been criticized for a strong bias towards men — the civil court deals with financial, property and child custody arrangements."

Irving is doing a research project in Israel on the dual system and a comparative approach to mediation in North America and Israel. He is working with lawyers, social workers, psychologists and those in other related disciplines.

When the Howards decided to accept the fellowship at the Hebrew University last year, the situation in Israel was fraught with danger. "I felt that we have to be part of a normalization process," he said. "By staying away and not being supportive, we are feeding into what our adversaries are wanting us to do."

Craft sale planned for Baycrest Centre

TORONTO —

A one-day sale of handcrafted items will take place at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care on Monday, Aug. 26, from 9:30 a.m. till 3 p.m.

An assortment of one-of-a-kind scarves, hats, toys, pottery, baby blankets and more, all at reasonable prices, will be available on the main floor of Baycrest Hospital.

The crafts were made by members of the Creative Arts program at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, Baycrest's multi-purpose community centre for older adults.

If you're interested in the creative arts, you can take advantage of a special program offered by the Wagman Centre and the North York Board of Education. Starting this fall, weekly courses in painting and pottery will be given by instructors from the board.

The courses, which are free to any North York resident over age 60, will be held at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., North York. For more information on course times and dates, please call Janet Page at 789-5131 ext. 2939.

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Organizations and People

Cohen tends to needs of racing steeds

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

In his capacity as the reigning guru of hockey, Don Cherry will thunder about how teamwork is needed for any collection of athletes to succeed. But when it comes to coaching superstars, his show-no-favorites attitude takes a back seat to the recognition that some athletes are like thoroughbreds, requiring special treatment and consideration.

Conrad "Connie" Cohen is likely to agree. Unlike the hockey coach who has to worry about the odd thoroughbred in his stable of journeymen, Cohen has to deal with a stable of thoroughbreds along with the odd journeyman runner.

Cohen is a horse trainer, a sort of coach of equine athletes who puts them through their paces and tries to make them into money-winners.

Out on the "backside," the area on the far side of the racing oval at Toronto's Woodbine race track, Cohen starts his days at dawn, tending to the racing steeds that have been put in his care.

Like any top athlete, thoroughbred horses need special training to make it into the winner's circle.

For Cohen, that translates into a seven-day-a-week profession lasting from February through to December, when the track closes down.

"It's a lifestyle, not just a job," he said.

Even while a horse might get a day off, there's no rest for the trainer.

Over the course of his 30-year career, Cohen has developed an eye for judging talent and a firm understanding of horse psychology.

Conrad Cohen shows off Solid Choice, one of the thoroughbreds he trains at Woodbine that was the winner in a recent claiming race there. [Paul Lungen photo]

Though they cannot tell you verbally how they feel, "they talk to you through their eyes, their appetite and their body language," he said.

If a horse is unhappy, it will appear tired and have a poor appetite, Cohen said.

That can come from a feeling of being in a strange environment, or from being overmatched in races and always coming out behind.

It can take time to acclimatize a horse to its surroundings and raise its confidence so that its natural talent comes to the fore, he said.

Cohen points to one horse that he appraised as having huge potential, but which had done poorly at the track. Other trainers and riders were prepared to write it off, but Cohen saw its talent and picked it up for a song.

With patience and care it eventually won 21 of 101 races and earned $260,000 in purses — paying Cohen back handsomely for the $2,500 investment he made.

Another of Cohen's success stories is *Come In Dad*, a colt he claimed for $3,200 in the early 1970s. Taking a "discarded horse" that others gave up on because of bone chips in the knee and other ailments, Cohen turned it into a big winner.

It captured the Breeders' Stakes, the Colonel R.S. McLaughlin Stakes and the Achievement Stakes, being named champion three-year-old colt of 1973.

Sintrillium is another rags to riches story, being named champion mare in Canada in the early 1980s.

Cohen's fascination with the ponies goes back to his youth in Toronto's Parkdale area.

His mother noticed his love of the animal and signed him up for horse-riding sessions at the High Park Riding Academy.

Cohen recalls almost missing his bar mitzvah after developing pneumonia working with the ponies at a carnival in a driving rain.

Though his family is involved in the perfume business, Cohen jokes that he decided to dedicate himself to working with another sort of fragrance.

When he's not busy putting the horses through their paces, Cohen can be found in the offices of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, where he serves as a volunteer vice-president, working for the interests of horsemen in the racing game.

Shaare Zedek honored for hiring practices

JERUSALEM —

Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem, recently received a special certificate of recognition from the Defence Ministry's rehabilitation department for its humanitarian work in absorbing disabled veterans and members of bereaved families into its workforce.

Jewish law can force an institution to do so, but Shaare Zedek was honored for co-operating to the fullest in making places available in a voluntary and whole-hearted way.

These employees are given jobs which will not aggravate their disability (most have no visible handicaps, but may suffer from such things as chronic pain brought on as a result of their army service), such as in Shaare Zedek's engineering and maintenance departments, or as clerks, receptionists or storemen.

No-one outside the relevant people in administration are aware that these are in any way "special" employees. An additional benefit for them, to whom finding a job may have been difficult, is that — as staff members — they are entitled to free, ongoing medical care at Shaare Zedek.

Some people go into retirement after decades at the same place of work with merely a handshake and a goodbye. But new pensioners at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, from cleaning workers to professors, were surprised to be invited to the home of hospital director-general Dr. Jonathan Halevy and his wife Adina.

A catered reception was held in the garden, at which each was thanked for his or her dedication. Each received a watch and the women were presented with a silver candelabrum and the men a silver kiddush cup.

A smile and a hot meal for 91-year-old Russian immigrant, Abraham Schachartov at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. His grandmother was the sister of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

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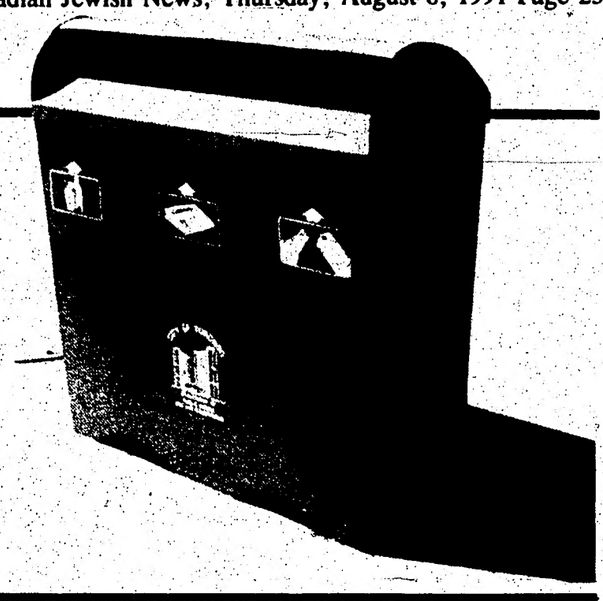
Toronto expands recycling program



TORONTO —

It's now easier for pedestrians to recycle in the City of Toronto.

Since mid-April, 53 custom-designed bins have been placed on city streets. Another 77 will be introduced this year.

"A survey of litter bins showed that more than 70 per cent of materials collected were recyclable," said Nick Vardin, city engineer and commissioner, Department of Public Works and the Environment. "It makes sense to design special litter bins to encourage people to recycle while on the streets."

Municipalities have traditionally encouraged pedestrian recycling by adding modifications to existing litter bins.

Toronto's specially-designed bins have three separate compartments — one for newspapers, one for glass bottles and metal cans, and one for litter. They are blue in color, as distinguished from the conventional grey litter bins.

In six weeks, street recycling bins have collected more than 6.7 tonnes of recyclable newspapers, glass bottles and beverage cans.

"We're very encouraged by the results," said Vardin. "The bins have also generated a lot of interest from across the province, and from other North American cities," he added.

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Arts

Singer captured readers with universal emotions

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991) A Tribute

The death of I.B. Singer at the age of 87 came as no surprise. For some months there had been reports about his failing health.

He was the only Yiddish writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. He found it astonishing that his novels and stories of Eastern European Jews of a bygone era, replete with arcane lore and superstition, should intrigue the readers of the *New Yorker* and *Esquire*.

How is it possible, he mused, that material so eagerly devoured by the elderly readers of the *Jewish Daily Forward* should also evoke admiration from the youthful and sophisticated? The answer, of course, is simple. Singer was a writer of genius who was able to evoke universal emotions and feelings even when he focused on a strange and unfamiliar world.

Surprisingly prolific, he wrote novels, plays, memoirs, essays and tales for children — more than 30 books in all.

Critics were quick to detect a paradox at the heart of his work. As a man, teacher and Jew he stood for restraint, moderation and even piety. But as an artist he pushed imagination to dangerous levels.

In an interview Singer once declared: "Demons symbolize the world for me ... I believe in their existence ... I believe in clairvoyant dreams, extrasensory perception ... these are reflections of higher powers ... I believe that there are spirits in this world which influence our lives. I believe in reincarnation, possession by devils."

And he filled his world with imps, devils and spirits. The miraculous and grotesque became ordinary. A recurring motif in his stories was the possession of a young man or woman by a perverse disembodied spirit, a dybbuk, which had to be exorcised before terrible evil resulted. His fascination with the demonic was coupled with an outspoken sexuality and erotic strain that disturbed more traditional colleagues and readers.

In some of his most famous stories such as *Gimpel the Fool*, and *Little Shoemakers* Singer emphasized the ideal of innocence. The simple, trusting, pious heart can reach to heights of spirituality, beyond the capacity of scholar or intellectual. But often a single, small lapse from God's law or from ethical standards leads inevitably, in an ever descending spiral, to ruin or damnation.

Many of his stories end in shame, despair, lust or destruction. Singer was a pessimist about human nature. "I don't feel that human beings will reach those ideals which they have been preaching for thousands of years. The body dominates the soul — not the soul the body."

In his memoir *Lost in America* he related the adventures he underwent in Canada in order to obtain a permanent visa to the United States. He had close calls with the immigration authorities at both Windsor and Niagara Falls.

A brief visit ot Toronto brought back memories of his native Poland. A restaurant on Spadina Avenue was "A Canadian version of the Warsaw Writers' Club."

Its patrons engaged in the same kind of conversations one always hears among Yiddishists: Could literature ignore social problems? Could writers retreat to ivory towers and avoid the struggle for justice? From their faces, voices, and intonations he could quickly determine their cultural and political opinions.

At his best, Singer was a superb storyteller whose sense of irony, wonder, place and character, enhanced by the gift of craftmanship, placed him in the forefront of the 20th century writers.

Beyond question, several of his novels and a number of his short stories will stand the test of time. Impish, charming, and wise, Isaac Bashevis Singer has an enduring place in modern literature.

Danny Simon [Randy Fisher photo]

Simon provides wisdom to comedians of the future

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

"Just say I'm 32 years old, six feet tall, and I have a full head of hair," said Danny Simon, the man Woody Allen and Neil Simon call among the most influential in their comedy careers.

"My doctor says I have the inner body of a man 15 years younger."

The partially golf-garbed Simon, a youthful Bob Hope-Jack Benny lookalike with red-tinted glasses, was in a hurry-up mission to "simonize" 23 students at Algonquin College's Annual Summer Institute of Film and Television (June 9-14) who've shelled out $450 for a 6-day comedy workshop.

"If you are funny, I will teach you how to structure comedy," he said. "But only God can make someone funny or give them [comedic] talent."

The son of a garment salesman and a little older than his 64-year old sibling, Simon believes he's the right man, the best man for the job of teaching aspiring comedy writers. Mindful of his audience (potential prospects and a buying public), he leaves nothing to chance. "Are you aware that Neil Simon and Woody Allen both consider me their mentors?"

Without waiting for an answer, he uses the occasion to plug a TV special this fall (Broadway Bound) and Eric Lax's recent Woody Allen biography where he is favorably mentioned.

In the biography, Allen says that Simon is "one of the four most important people in my career ... for teaching me the fundamentals of how to construct sketches and, even more, for the psychological boost of having someone that accomplished believe in me."

What surprises is how territorial and protective Simon really is; after an invitation to his class, The CJN reporter is repeatedly admonished for taking notes. After less than 20 minutes, the reporter is asked to leave.

Nothing can take away from the fact that he's good at what he does, said Tom Shoebridge, 50, founder of the Summer Institute. "He's considered to be the best comedy teacher in the world. He just doesn't give anecdotes. He challenges the students, he makes them think."

Simon plays the role well, drilling it incessantly and putting the students through their paces. "Get into the heads of your character. Let him be your guide," he teaches. "Let your character be your collaborator."

But it's not all formula. Students are encouraged to defend their characters' actions and "use their own sense of humor" in character development. Character credibility, dramatic interest, and real-time learning are the results.

Truth is essential, said Simon, who teaches students to think for themselves and apply their unique individual perspectives. Comedy then, is "a matter of opinion", said Simon.

"What I'm looking for is inherent intelligence, wit, good taste, background and an outlook on life that has a special point of view."

Simon can't overstress the value of rewriting. "It's so important to get that first draft down because [at that time] you have no idea of the comedy vehicle you're writing," he said.

The secret of Neil Simon's and Woody Allen's success, he said, is "the fact that both are the most prolific writers in the business."

While nowhere near devout, Simon's Jewish heritage has colored and added to his comedy. "Jewish comedy is built a lot on angst. Pain is funny," he said. "The foibles and idiosyncracies in my own character can be made into comedy."

Death doesn't cause Simon any loss of sleep. Quoting Woody Allen, he said he's not afraid except "I just don't want to be there when it happens."

Irv Ungerman donates art to Beth Sholom Synagogue

TORONTO —

Toronto businessman, sports promoter and noted Canadian art collector, Irving Ungerman, recently purchased two paintings by Vera Gutkina and donated them to the newly-renovated Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Gutkina, a highly-acclaimed Soviet artist, immigrated to Israel in 1982. Since that time, she has been the recipient of several major awards including the Jerusalem Municipality Prize for Art (1982), The Knesset Prize (1985) and was selected by Israel's Ministry of Education and Culture to participate in the Cite Internationale des Arts in Paris (1988).

Ungerman says, "These are simply outstanding paintings by an artist I truly admire. I've been collecting art for more than 25 years and when I saw these works I couldn't pass them up. They were irresistible."

Gutkina's works have been displayed in one-woman exhibitions around the world including: The Artists' House, Moscow; Falkenstern Fine Art, New York; The Cadogan Contemporary Gallery, London; and the Etienne de Cousins Gallerie, Paris.

A selection of paintings by Gutkina is currently on display at Gallery Heritage International, 137 Yorkville Ave. in Toronto.

Infinity Fine Art and owner Sheldon Howard are sole distributors of Gutkina's works in North America. Howard, a native of Toronto, is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, a former producer for *Worldwide Television News* in Israel and a former writer with *The Jerusalem Post* and the *CTV National News*.

His transition from the world of media to the art world began in 1987 when he first saw Gutkina's paintings.

The Two Avivas

Rich artistic tradition

Howard explains: "She comes from the rich artistic tradition of Europe and her paintings offer a high level of work rarely seen in the west, or anywhere for that matter. These days there are several tremendous Soviet painters in Israel, known in Europe, but still unrecognized in North America. I established Infinity [Fine Art] to rectify the situation."

Howard also represents Yefim Ladizhinsky, whose paintings are now on display in London's Barbican Gallery in an exhibition entitled Jewish Experience in 20th Century Art: From Chagall to Kitaj.

Ladizhinsky's works can be seen in museums throughout the Soviet Union. They are also part of several private collections in Europe. He died tragically in Israel in 1982 and his family is only now beginning to bring his important artistic contribution back to light. Infinity Fine Art will be bringing Ladizhinsky's works to Toronto this fall.

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Arts

Director shoots first opus

Tanzer braves elements to finish work

By
JACK KOHANE

TORONTO —

Making a modern picture is not always as glamorous and fun-filled as most of us envision. One who could certainly vouch for that statement is Suzy Tanzer, a talented young film director who hails from Don Mills. The making of her film entitled *Vanishing Points* was not always easy and the weather rarely cooperated.

Bundled up in ski wear from head to toe to ward off the bitter autumn elements, Tanzer remained valiantly at the helm, leading her team of actors and technical crew through their numerous re-takes.

Working high upon a hill north of Oshawa, Tanzer forgot the crisp cold wind as she directed her subjects through their lines and movements, always coaxing, cajoling, and inspiring each to give their best performance.

Vanishing Points is Tanzer's first opus, a 20-minute vignette funded in part by the National Film Board of Canada. It is both a thought-provoking and perplexing film, based on a short story written by Tanzer herself.

The film centres on a teenager who, in searching for her long-lost brother, encounters several very odd characters. She asks each of them if they may know of her brother's whereabouts but they are of little help.

In fact, they do their utmost to deflect her from her quest. Thus, when she feels that she may be close to making a significant discovery, she actually finds that she is no further ahead.

Her travels eventually take her to a strange metallic monument perched upon a desolate hillside. The structure resembles Stonehenge in Britain, but it is constructed entirely of automobiles — another non sequitor in this sequence.

In the manner of all great art, this film plays on several overlapping levels. The actors run the gamut of emotions from joy, sorrow, anger, curiosity, to catatonic — not a simple feat in a story of this diminutive length.

Much is left up to the viewer's interpretation and surmise based on the few clues Tanzer provides. It is recommended viewing as it reaches wider distribution at film festivals and exhibitions.

Tanzer entered this medium quite by accident. She actually had planned out a career in radio, and went off to pursue that goal with the BBC in London, England.

Later, Tanzer attended Clark University in Worcestershire, Massachusetts, an institution affiliated with the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. The unstructured curriculum at Clark, provided Tanzer with the opportunity to explore various media.

On a whim, she decided to attend a class in video production. From that moment on, she was hooked on film. In 1987 she travelled to Dublin, Ireland to produce a film titled. *Still*, dealing with her impressions of the picturesque Irish countryside and its people, as well as its profound poverty.

Out of Thin Air was filmed in 1988, shot in black and white and finished in video format.

Tanzer admires film directors who display a subtle or off-beat sense of humor in their works.

Tanzer attributes her creative approach and perspective to her Jewish background. The struggle of the people to survive in a hostile world remain at the core of her psyche. This theme works its way through her work in recurrent images of the individual striving to discover truth in worldly matters despite the blatant obstacles that others throw on to the path.

As for the future, Tanzer continues to work on several projects as well as her writings. She is determined to succeed in this highly competitive field and as her artistic abilities become more widely recognized, hers is certainly a name to watch our for in years to come.

Suzy Tanzer (right); Bekky Valian (centre, the camera assistant); and Derek Rogers (cameraman), on open location for the film Vanishing Points.

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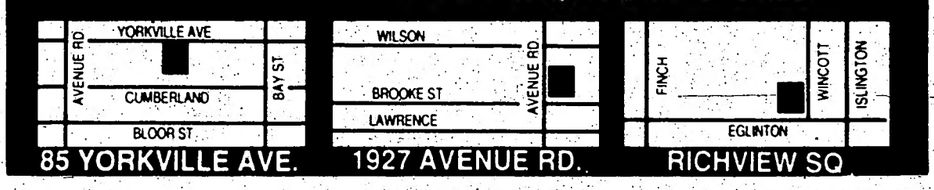

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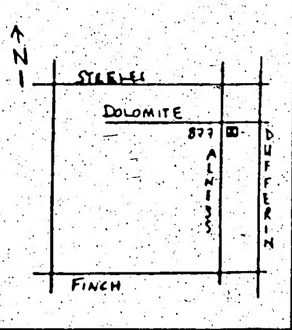


Syrian Jewry film shown in Israel

JERUSALEM —

The Canadian award-winning documentary, *In The Shadows — The Tragedy of Syrian Jews* was shown on prime time Israel television on July 20.

Channel 2 chose the eve of Tisha B'Av to screen the 40-minute film, which is the first expose of the condition of that beleagured community to have been made in the past 15 years.

With no places of entertainment or restaurants open at that time the vast majority of Israelis are glued to their television sets. So, too, it was the night before the arrival of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, who came to deliver the response of Syrian President Hafez Assad to the American peace negotiations proposals.

Commissioned by the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands of Beth Tzedec Synagogue and produced and directed by Toronto actress Cayle Chernin, the film is a combination of interviews of some of the few Jews who have managed to escape from their homeland, the views of legislators and experts and footage of scenes within Syria.

Much of *In The Shadows* is composed of first-person singular recounting of individual histories of the terror, murder and violence experienced by the remnant of some 4,00 people who are obliged to remain in a country which denies emigration to its Jewish citizens.

Almost all of those interviewed are shrouded, to hide their identities and protect themselves and their families who remain behind.

In The Shadows won the Bronze Medal at this year's Houston Film Festival, in competition with 3,500 films and was awarded a Certificate for Creative Excellence in the U.S. Film & Video Festival in Chicago.

Its production was assisted financially by the Edward Bronfman Family Foundation and the Joseph Berman Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

It has been exhibited in the United States Congress, before the Parliament of New Zealand, at the Board of Jewish Deputies of Australia and at the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, as well as in many centres across Canada and the United States.

"In the past, the plight of Syrian Jewry has been so infrequently on the agenda of Jewish organizations," said Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews of the Canadian Jewish Congress and prime mover of the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund, in an interview here at the time of the showing of the documentary.

"Little or no information has reached the public anywhere and, particularly in Israel, there has been an appalling lack of knowledge of the state of affairs of that small Jewish community held hostage by Israel's most implacable enemy," she added.

"This documentary, with its professional excellence, will be a prime vehicle for publicizing this tragic situation. This issue has nothing whatever to do with the Arab-Israeli conflict, but is a simple question of the most extreme deprivation of human rights.

"Now that there has been substantial relief for the Soviet and Ethiopian communities, it is hoped that both the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds will turn their attention to this long ignored subject."

Arts

Dukes deals with historical cycles, nature in works

By
JACK KOHANE

TORONTO —

If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, color is the language of the artist to interpret a personal ideal. The canvas or stone are merely the medium of that expression.

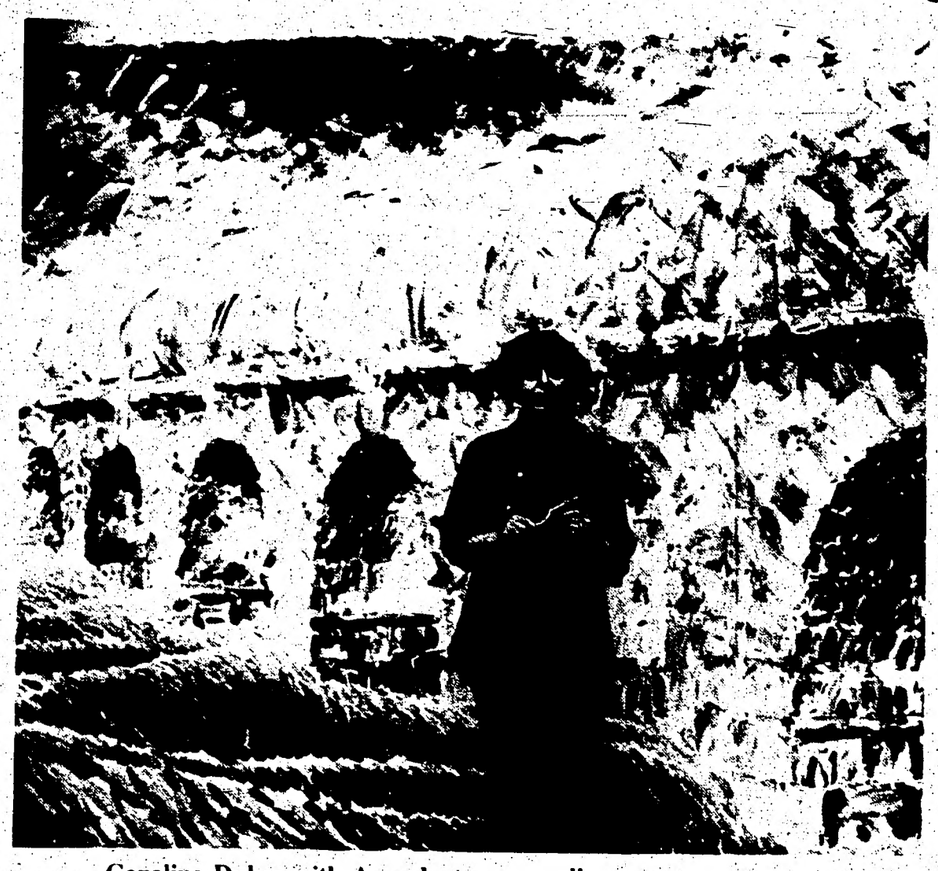
The paintings, drawings and sculptures of Winnipeg artist Caroline Dukes represent a blending of color, space, and physical form.

Her painted landscapes have distinct dispersed lightness, seeming to deal both with historical cycles and the dynamics of nature.

The major influence for these works stem from Dukes' own past experiences. Born in Hungary in 1929, she grew up as part of the Jewish minority in that country, surviving both the ravages of the Second World War and the ensuing oppressive Communist regime.

She studied sculpture at the Academy of Fine Arts in Budapest, where she says there was a greater emphasis on approved ideological content rather than personal expression.

"I studied in the studio of a sculptor in Hungary during the hey-day of social realism," Dukes says. "Sculpture meant the repetitive depiction of smiling, happy soldiers, peasants, and workers with or without flags in their hands. They represented a heritage I rebelled against on an emotional level."



Caroline Dukes with Aquaduct, an acrylic on canvas art work.

Following the 1956 uprising in Hungary, she fled with husband Alfred and two young sons to Austria, later emigrating to Canada. The family stayed in Toronto for nine years, eventually moving on to Winnipeg which remains their home base today.

In 1968, Dukes decided to continue her studies by enrolling as a mature student at the University of Manitoba. She graduated in 1972 with a degree in Fine Arts. Immediately, her work was recognized for its unique use of light and structure, through numerous group and one-person exhibitions.

Since that time her art has appeared in shows across North America. Collections of Dukes' originals are currently housed throughout Canada and Israel at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, Canada Council Art Bank, Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Yad Vashem Art Museum in Jerusalem.

Dukes' style and technique have undergone a gradual evolution over many years. She explains, "My early works were inspired by existential literature and philosophy. It was characterized by my reflection of the condition of the individual, subject to our technological society and universal order."

Visually, these illustrated two-dimensional flat shapes and contrasted with three-dimensional modelled areas of figurative elements. Around the end of the 1970's, the two-dimensional shapes were abandoned, and modelled areas were opened up extending to the whole surface of the canvas.

Her current method strives to convey her feeling of a landscape, architectural fragment or people captured in a particular environment. Her paintings tend to communicate the atmosphere or spiritual essence of a place or subject.

Dukes' most self-reflective project, At the Focus of Forces, is now on tour. These works constitute a series of impressions she garnered while on an extended stay in Jerusalem. In the abstract, they signify what that city and Israel mean to her.

As she describes, "It is a place of contrasts and diversity, at the convergence of its history and its volatile present. Israel, after millenia of struggle and displacement, is a realization of the long-lost promised land. It is also at the focus of present-day conflicts."

Dukes noted during her travels, the fundamental struggle between the apparent harmony of Jerusalem (its classical rounded architure) and the violence that surrounds it. Dukes took the opposition of desire and fulfillment, war and peace, history and present, and by making them stand for each other, assimilated them into her paintings and drawings.

The disparate strokes of light and shade, and the line of the drawings, are as much erasures as marks, and they create an ambiguity, a reminder of the perhaps unbridgeable gap that arises when one thing attempts to represent another.

Dukes continues to paint and draw tirelessly and passionately. Purposely avoiding overt political statements in her artwork, she remains steadfastly determined to convey her concerns about society's decaying moral fabric.

Dukes firmly believes that artists are the conscience of society, and are under a moral obligation to state their concerns through their chosen medium. This is, she feels, one avenue to rectify, to bring to public awareness, the many issues which can negatively impact us all.

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Fox expresses art through ketubot

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Toronto artist Howard Fox's *ketubot* (Jewish marriage contracts), recently on exhibit at the Skirble Museum in Los Angeles, mark "the first major change in ketubah making in 500 years," according to Prof. Shalom Sabar of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who is on sabbatical in Los Angeles.

Fox, who synthesizes styles and cultural variations, recently had a successful one-man exhibit of his paintings at the Mega Fine Art International Inc. in Toronto. His contemporary paintings based on a mystical bond between people and ideas, stem from his travels to the Far East, Europe and Israel.

"I continue to meld Eastern and Western thought and ancient civilizations with contemporary images," says Fox. "Judaism has presented me with a deep sense of living history that persists and blends itself into everyday modern life."

Fox attended William Lyon McKenzie Collegiate in Downsview and spent a year in Israel at Kibbutz Alonim. He completed a fine arts degree at York University and decided to make art a full-time career in 1974.

Over the past few years, he has shown his ketubah work in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and Canada, as well as in Sweden, Germany and Australia.

Representing the art of ketubah making in Canada, Fox created a ketubah for the *Coat of Many Colours* exhibition at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa/Hull which is presently on display in Toronto.

"Wherever they [ketubot] have been presented, they have been catalysts and receptors of the arts. What may be peculiar to Jewish culture in Morocco is exotic to that of the United States."

Howard Fox

Fox explains that he applies motifs taken from Persian manuscripts, 18th century Italian floral paintings, the mandalas of the east, architecture, carpets and the beauty of Jerusalem.

"There is an inherent freedom in the art of the ketubah," he says. Rules only apply to the actual text, but the border is open. "I am free to illuminate the interests, joys and the individual creative sensibilities of the betrothed."

Although the Aramaic-Hebrew text does not change, the decorative art that enhances the beauty of the ketubah varies.

Focusing on Jewish art forms, the artist intertwines themes as peculiar as Alaska, Africa and Picassoesque cubism. Today, limited editions of Fox's ketubah can be found in Judaica stores in many cities throughout the world.

The two dimensions of his work, painting and drawing for art's sake, along with ketubah making, Fox says, were encouraged by his mother to help him earn a living. Both these endeavors keep the young painter busy and enjoying his talent.

"I love to paint," he told The CJN. "It is not some abstract intellectual questioning but the continuation, a meanindering, exploding sensation of love and passion, questioning and joy."

For more information on his ketubot and paintings, call Howard Fox at (416) 789-9931.

Wedding objects focus of exhibit

TORONTO —

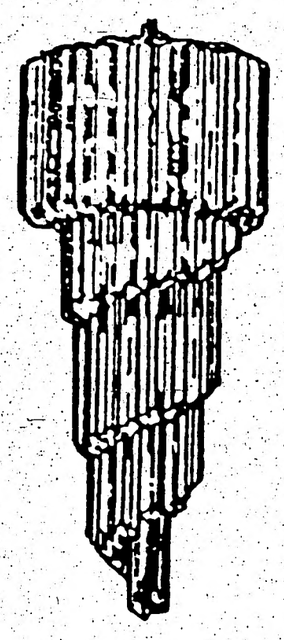
The Koffler Gallery has announced the premiere of The Jewish Wedding: An Exhibition of Ritual Art on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m.

Ceremonial or ritual objects have long been a significant part of Jewish culture and the recent resurgence of interest in antique Judaica prompted an invitation from the Koffler Gallery to artists to create their own versions of three ritual objects associated with the Jewish wedding ceremony: the chupah (wedding canopy), the kiddush cup (wine goblet), and the ketubah (marriage contract).

The range of work includes a chupah produced as a group effort by the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework and one by Sybil Rampen made from confetti, wild cucumbers, and Chinese lanterns; a traditional wheel-thrown kiddush cup with Hebrew inscription by Annette Zakuta, freeblown glass goblets by husband and wife team John Kepkiewicz and Heather Wood and glass artist Clark Guettel, and a 14 ct. green gold goblet by Lois Etherington Betteridge, 1987 recipient of the Saidye Bronfman Award for Excellence in Canadian Craft; as well as traditional ketubot by Teme Ungerman and Howard Fox, and a ketubah by Philip Cohen, produced 32 years after his marriage in 1958, when he and his wife had not received a ketubah.

Craftspersons from across Ontario are included in the exhibition and the resulting group of 35 includes fibre artists, glass artists, potters, silversmiths, illustrators, and calligraphers exploring both traditional and contemporary approaches to the theme.

The exhibition continues to Oct. 8.



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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

On June 30 of this year, **CJN** advertising person extraordinaire, **Gloria Clamen** along with husband **Joel,** kids **Elysse,** 19, **Jennifer,** 15, and bar mitzvah boy, **Adam,** 13, boarded an **El Al** plane with five other families for a three-week visit to **Israel.**

On her return, **Gloria** said it was "the greatest trip." And so it sounded. Led by **Cantor Eli Kirshblum** from **Adath Israel** and his wife **Linda** the trip proved to be a unique and moving experience for the **Clamens.**

"It was great," says **Gloria,** "because all the kids got together and enjoyed each other, as well as meeting other kids and sharing experiences. No-one got bored. It's the only way to travel as a family--with other families."

The excitement started as soon as they landed at **Ben Gurion Airport.** "There was another planeload of **Russian** olim arriving and to see the people greeting them and the signs at the airport in **Russian, Hebrew** and **English** was quite something."

After a few days in **Herzliah, Jaffa** and **Tel Aviv** visiting the popular sites, the group made their way to the **Holy City** stopping at an outlook to say the traditional blessing, *shehechianu,* before entering **Jerusalem.** "That was very moving," says **Gloria.**

After planting some trees in the **JNF Forest,** they made their way to **Masada,** for **Adam's** bar mitzvah. **Adam,** as well as others, climbed to the top where the cantor performed an abbreviated service and their **Israeli** guide gave an historical perspective linking the past with what was happening before them. There were few dry eyes and a moment in time the **Clamens** will never forget.

From there it was on to the **Dead Sea** for a short dip and mud bath before returning to the **Laromme Hotel** in **Jerusalem** to celebrate. The next day saw the group kayaking on the **Jordan River** for an hour before continuing on to **Tiberias.**

But do these guys get tired? Forget it. "Bring on the horses," **Gloria** whooped, in her best *City Slickers'* voice and off they went horseback riding at a dude ranch. Once that was done, the group jumped into army jeeps (with no shocks, adds **Gloria**) for rides over bare rocks (ouch!) and through forests. "It was a real experience."

But there was a treat waiting. At **Jericho** the kids rode camels and just outside of **Acco** they toured the largest kosher ice cream factory in **Israel, Strauss's.** Not only was it interesting, says **Gloria,** but at the end of the tour, they could eat all the ice cream they wanted at no charge. Needless to say, any weight that had been lost on the strenuous climbing, kayaking and riding, was soon found again. At the **Carmel** winery, a table was set up for the group with wine and juice to celebrate **Adam's** bar mitzvah.

A highlight of the trip, as if there weren't enough already, was a visit to an **Ethiopian** absorption centre. **Cantor Kirshblum** had been given a large donation of toys and clothes to deliver and each of the group had taken a duffle bag full of these items. "It was so exciting to see the kids when the toys and everything were handed out. They just loved it. Watching them and being with them was both interesting and exciting. It was wonderful." The absorption centre, **Mevasserat Zion,** was located near **Tel Aviv.**

The group also visited **Canada Park** at **Metulla,** which **Gloria** described as "fabulous." She also found fascinating a visit to a **Druze** village near **Haifa.** All of this and much more was done in two weeks. The third week was spent with relatives in **Haifa,** where, after the **Scud** missile attacks, life goes on. "They want peace," says **Gloria.**

Gloria also noted a large number of tourists there, saying the plane, there and back, was full, as were the hotels. "It seems everything is getting back to normal, which is a good sign."

This is supported by **Delightful Debbie** of the **Israel Government Tourist Office** in **Toronto,** who tells me that although it hasn't reached the numbers of last year, before the **Gulf War** started, tourism is well on its way to setting a record by the end of this year.

DD cites the end of the war and a drop in **El Al's** fares. She also mentions that the **IGTO** has new brochures available, so give the gang there a call at 964-3784

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Ancient kingdom of Urartu displayed in museum exhibit

JERUSALEM —

Three hundred and fifty metal objects from the first millenium BCE are now on display at the Israel Museum. They are from the legendary ancient kingdom of Urartu, which ruled in this region for more than 250 years, and whose history, objects and culture are being displayed for the first time.

The exhibition is composed of artifacts collected from prestigious museums, such as the British Museum, the Louvre, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, important German museums and private collections.

The exhibition displays the advanced state of the art of metalworking, in Urartu 2,800 years ago. There are gold and silver artifacts engraved with cult scenes or royal inscriptions, huge cauldrons, ritual candlesticks two metres high, bronze and silver artifacts belonging to the royal household, bronze helmets, gold medals and coins, horse and chariot fittings, furniture and armor — part of which was reconstructed in the museum laboratories.

The kingdom of Urartu, ancient Armenia, rose to power in the early first millenium, becoming a major rival to Assyria. Much of this power lay in its well-organized military system and its equipment, in which metal artifacts, bronze and iron, played an important role.

It developed into a major centre of mass-produced metal artifacts and of high technical achievements. Rich in mine resources, the kingdom of Urartu became the centre of metal production in the ancient east.

For many, however, the name Urartu recalls associations with the story of Noah and his Ark. The land of Urartu is mentioned as a political entity in the Bible, in the second book of Kings, and also in the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Rivkah Merhav, curator in the museum's Department of Western Asiatic Antiquities, spent four years researching and collecting objects for this exhibition. She studied at the Hebrew University and did graduate work at Columbia University, New York.

A golden sceptre from 1850.

Crown of the Patriarch Grigorius the Chain-Bearer. Part of the Treasures of the Armenian Patriarchate exhibition.

The work on the research of metals was done in collaboration with Dr. Arye Rodor in the Research Laboratories of the Ben-Gurion University, Be'er Sheva.

The exhibition is accompanied by a scholarly catalogue and will close on Oct. 7.

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Business Outlook

Panel studies Canadian retailer in the U.S.

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

The challenges and pitfalls of doing business in the United States was the topic under discussion at the recent Retail Council of Canada meeting held in Toronto.

Two years ago, a study was started in the retail industry to discover why top Canadian retailers could not succeed south of the border.

Out of 29 Canadian companies who entered the American market, 9 were successful; 2 preferred to withdraw; 3 are having difficulties; and 14 were forced to withdraw. Of the U.S. retailers entering the Canadian market, 13 companies were identified and all were successful.

The group that presented the data entered a disclaimer on the numbers and names of the companies involved since all might not have been included.

A list of the crucial differences were presented by Wendy Evans, president of her own marketing firm.

According to the survey the American market held some unexpected differences:

- multiple markets;
- fragmented ownership;
- intense competition;
- most Canadians expected the U.S. market to be like Canada's; and
- five regions larger than Canada and in each there were varied social and demographic differences.

The survey also revealed interesting facts about the American consumer:

- more price sensitive;
- demands more service, quality, convenience and assortment; and
- has different buying patterns and tastes;

Comparisons between the U.S. retailer versus the Canadian retailer also uncovered differences. The Americans generally:

- were more competitive;
- operate with a lower cost structure, margins and pricing;
- were specialized niche marketeers;
- had a wider assortment;
- were more achievement/success oriented;
- delivered higher service levels;
- had higher productivity in terms of labor;
- faced more direct and indirect competition;
- had more distribution centres; and
- promoted products with more advertising intensity;

Evans said that the pre-entry preparation is critical. She said research and a well developed plan is required along with an understanding of the U.S. market and the relevant industry.

Some of the key success factors she cited included commitment, financial and managerial resources, a highly-focused retail concept, and a constant evaluation of the market and the competitive environment.

Shawna O'Grady was the next speaker who told the audience that a common error that is made by Canadian retailers is that they forget to take into account cultural differences. While there are many on-the-surface similarities, the list of differences was extensive.

Shirley Dawe

Wendy Evans

Some of the points O'Grady stressed were that the U.S. retailers are willing to take more risks, the work ethic is higher, there is a sense of mastery, an action-oriented attitude and an out-for-themselves sense of preservation.

Additional data cited some of the barriers to entry Canadians face when approaching the American markets.

O'Grady pointed out that firms have to realize they are entering another industry structure and not just another country. The relationships that exist have been built up over a long period of time.

"The ability to learn faster than your competition may be the only sustainable competitive advantage. Why did some retailers recognize this but not others?

"Perhaps one of the barriers to learning is success on the homefront. This could blind the retailers in another market. Similarity may also blind — the just-like-us mind set could be damaging." O'Grady said.

"The size and proximity and the missed differences all play a part in the barriers to learning."

She said that success in breaking these existing barriers will come when Canadian retailers begin to treat the United States as a foreign market. O'Grady added that the decentralization of many functions along with the formation of cross-cultural teams and learning programs will aid the entry into the American market.

Shirley Dawe also took part in the discussion by pointing out what the results will be on the American retailer entering the Canadian market.

"There is no room for complacency," she said, adding that compared to the U.S., Canada's retail industry is unfocussed and wide.

She said the only way to survive is to keep the customer-base and the market share from the competition but with the American retailers delving into the market, this will be tough for Canadians.

The entrance of these companies will mean that consumers are presented with more shopping options, a broader selection of merchandise, downward pressure on price and cross-border shopping.

How will the retailers retaliate?

Dawe suggested that recognizing the competition would be a good place to start. She added that an understanding of the consumer is essential as is regaining pricing integrity.

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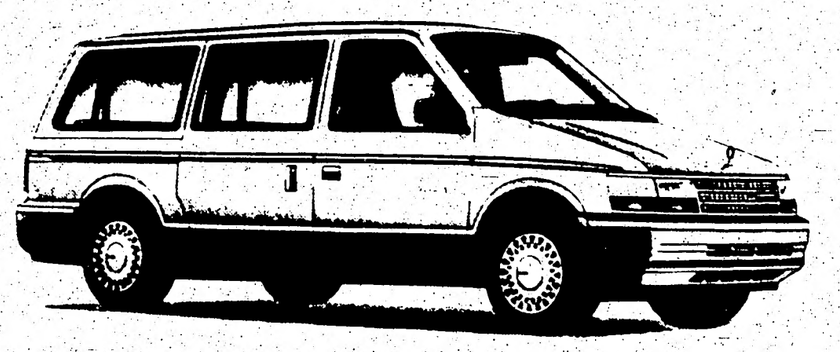
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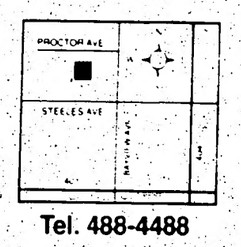

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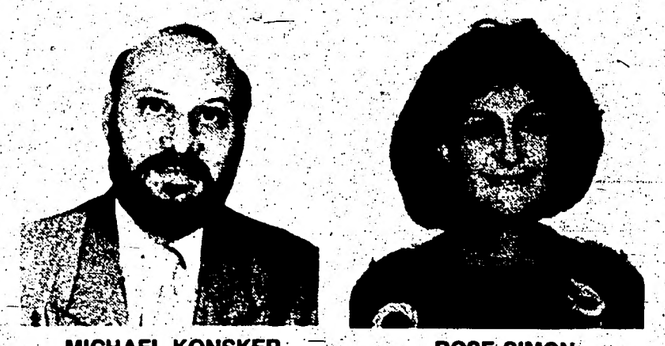

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Norma Felman** will take place Sunday, August 18, 10:30a.m., Pardes Shalom Cemetery, Adath Israel Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 6084

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The unveiling of a monument to the cherished memory of the late
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"Eyes and ears" of government

Bornstein acts as Ontario's representative in Quebec

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Stephen Bornstein quickly reassures that he is not Ontario's ambassador to Quebec. But his new position, effective Feb. 1, as senior representative of the Ontario government ('delegue general' in French) is a diplomatic role and a first, in the sense, that Bornstein is working at it full time from his office in Quebec City.

Bornstein, 44, is on a year-long leave from McGill University where he has been a political science professor since 1979 and, more recently, associate dean of the faculty of graduate studies and research.

A native of Toronto, Bornstein has been a friend of Ontario Premier Bob Rae since their days together at the University of Toronto. Bornstein, however, had not planned to leave the comfortable confines of academe until the call from Rae's office came. He felt he could not refuse an opportunity to be on the front line at such interesting times in Quebec.

Personally, he is happy to "get out into the real world."

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755-2021

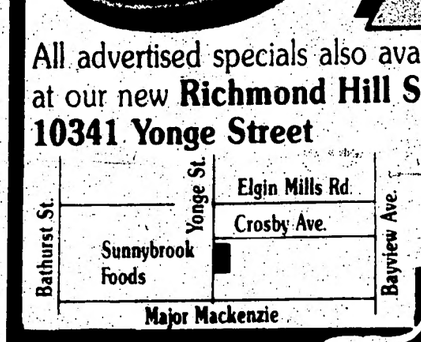
This Week's Specials...

SUNNY BROOK

CANDLELIGHTING TIME IS 8:11 P.M.

Freshness you can taste! Service you'll appreciate!

All advertised specials also available at our new **Richmond Hill Store, 10341 Yonge Street**



FROM MY ZAIDY'S BAKERY...

FRESH KAISERS	FRESH EGG CHALAS	WHITE OR WHOLE WHEAT BREAD
.15 EA.	1.99 EA.	.99 EA.

AVAILABLE AT WILMINGTON ONLY

A BERRY OF A DEAL

PRODUCT OF U.S.A. CAN. #1 GRADE FRESH DAILY

STRAWBERRIES

Extra Low Price .99 PINT

AVAILABLE IN RICHMOND HILL

SUNNY BROOK fruits & vegetables

SPECIAL .99 LB. 2.18 KG.
PRODUCT OF U.S.A. CAN. #1 GRADE RED SEEDLESS GRAPES

SPECIAL 2.99 EA.
SEEDLESS WHOLE WATERMELONS 12-15 LB. AVG. WEIGHT

SPECIAL .79 EA.
"THE NATURAL DESSERT" SUGAR-SWEET CANTALOUPES

SPECIAL .59 EA.
FRESH 'N CRISP ROMAINE LETTUCE

SUNNY BROOK groceries & dairy

SPECIAL 1.99
FROM SABRA SALADS... POTATO SALAD 454 G. TUB KOSHER!

SPECIAL 1.49
KRAFT SALAD DRESSINGS ASST. 250 ML. JAR

SPECIAL 1.29
A SUMMER FAVOURITE! MOTHER'S OR ROKEACH BORCHT 32 FL. OZ. JAR

CHAI-KOSHER FRESH-FROZEN

CHICKEN LEGS

Extra Low Price 1.39 LB. 3.06 KG.

NEW PRODUCT!

FROM CONCENTRATE BERZI

APPLE JUICE

Extra Low Price .99 48 FL. OZ. TIN

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SUNNY BROOK kosher meat

AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND HILL

SPECIAL 2.79 EA.
LEVITT'S KOSHER REGULAR OR BBQ WEINERS 375 G. VAC PAC

SPECIAL 3.99 LB. 8.80 KG.
FRESH! KOSHER MINCED CHICKEN

SUNNY BROOK groceries & dairy

SPECIAL .89
CHICKEN OF THE SEA CHUNK LIGHT TUNA 6.5 FL. OZ. IN WATER OR IN OIL KOSHER!

SPECIAL .69
HEINZ BAKED BEANS IN TOMATO SAUCE 14 FL. OZ. TIN KOSHER!

SPECIAL 2.99
PIK-A-FRESH CORN OR SUNFLOWER OIL 2 LTR. JUG

SPECIAL .59
Think Re-cycling - Use Your Blue Box
DIET COKE 750 ML. NON-RETURNABLE BOTTLE

SPECIAL 1.29
JAVEX LIQUID BLEACH 3.6 LTR. JUG

Prices in effect Wednesday to Tuesday. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

FREE SUNNYBROOK Shuttle Bus Service
Tuesdays & Thursdays
PROVIDED BY Shomer Transportation Inc.

TO WILMINGTON STORE ONLY!

PICK UP AT **Cedarcroft & Bathurst** (Cedarcroft next to Royal Bank)
PICK UP AT **135 Antibes Dr.** (in front of apartment building)
PICK UP AT **15 & 25 Canyon Ave.** (Canyon, near Bathurst Street)
PICK UP AT **JCC, 4588 Bathurst St.** (at main entrance)
PICK UP AT **4455 Bathurst St.** (in front of apartment building)
PICK UP AT **B'nai Brith Building** 4266 Bathurst (on Reiner Rd.)

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Transit service will not run on Jewish & Civic Holidays.

THE KOSHER SPECIALISTS